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CITY COUNCIL



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CODE COMPLIANCE

(817) 952- 2640

FIRE (NON-EMERGENCY)

(817) 952-2500

PARKS & RECREATION HOTLINE

(817) 952-2314

PUBLIC WORKS

(817) 952-2200

CITY HALL

(817) 952-2100

WATER BILLING & BIRTH CERTIFICATES

(817) 952-2112

BUILDING PERMITS

(817) 952-2140



Winter & Spring

city magazine and recreation guide

Getting Ready For a New Year

Get excited for a year filled with fun activities and events.

Looking forward to 2015, we have a busy schedule packed with classes, events, shows and more.

Classes are offered at the Library, the Old Bedford School and the Boys Ranch Activity Center year round. Examples of fun classes include Jazzercise, Lego building, computer skills and guitar lessons just to name a few.

Still looking for that unique piece of art for the house? Check out Bedford ArtsFest on Saturday, March 28. There will be food trucks, live music and, of course, ART!

In 2015, the Old Bedford School turns 100 years old. Be sure to attend our monthly events leading up to the grand finale on Saturday, September 19, 2015, and help us honor this local historical community icon.

We also have events for adults 50 and over at the Senior Center. There are exercise classes, dance classes and more. Make sure to check out one of the senior Monday night dances from 7:00-9:30 p.m. Live music, light refreshments; singles and couples are welcome.

So stop on by and check out all that Bedford has to offer.

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BedfordFUN.com

Stay up to date with events and classes at the Boys Ranch Park & Activity Center and Splash Waterpark.

OldBedfordSchool.com

For booking meeting spaces, weddings, birthdays and other events, use Old Bedford School as your destination location.

VisitBedfordTx.com

When family comes for a visit, offer these eight hotel options in Bedford. Need suggestions for activities? Click on the various tabs of Eat, Play & Stay to give you fun ideas to keep the boredom away.

Bedford4business.com

Updated information on new business development in Bedford.

ShopBedfordFirst.com

Keep it local and shop in your town. Businesses update their discounts and promotions on a regular basis. If you are a business, you can register for FREE.

BedfordLibrary.org

See what new events are scheduled at the library for the entire family or just browse and search for books, including e-books and movies that interest you. You can also renew materials and see when your items are due.



Pictured: People enjoying the first Bedford Block Party

Distracted Driving Ordinance

Ban on electronic devices while driving

On November 18, 2014, the Bedford City Council passed an ordinance prohibiting distracted driving practices as they relate to a portable electronic device (which is defined as any handheld wireless communication device, laptop computer, tablet, media player, handheld gaming device, or any electronic device capable of displaying text-based communications, games, pictures or video).

In 2012, there were 3,328 people killed in distracted driving incidents. Statistical data reflects a significant correlation between cell phone use while driving and an increase in motor vehicle accidents. A study conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) shows that a person is 23 times more likely to be involved in a crash or near crash by looking away from the forward roadway for just two seconds - a risk that is comparable to driving with a blood alcohol content level of 0.15. Another NHTSA report shows that while texting, the average person's eyes are off the road for five seconds. At 55 MPH, those five seconds equate to traveling the length of a football field while blindfolded.

The intention of the ordinance is to prohibit drivers from interacting with any electronic device in their hands, whether it is viewing, typing or talking while operating a motor vehicle upon a public roadway. This includes while vehicles are stopped at a traffic signal.

Types of actions that are considered "use" in the ordinance are as follows:

- viewing the display screen of a portable electronic device
- holding a portable electronic device in a position to talk into or listen on
- manipulating a portable electronic device by interacting with its display screen or pushing any button to enter text, dial numbers, or to engage in any other function.

The ordinance DOES NOT prohibit GPS devices affixed to a vehicle, a hands-free device or the utilization of a portable electronic device in an emergency situation.

Bringing the City to your Community

Bedford Block Party

It's a party....a block party that is! The Bedford Community Affairs Commission and the City of Bedford held a block party at Honor Oak Drive on Thursday, September 25, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The event was sponsored by Albertsons, 6Stones, Bud's Sno-Balls and St. Vincent's Church. There was face painting, cotton candy, food, fire trucks, police cars and so much more.

Check out our photos - City Staff, Mayor Griffin, City Council members and various business leaders made the event a big success.

Now it's time to "Bring the City to YOUR Community!" We want to build on the block party's success and bring one to your neighborhood. If interested or have additional questions, please email party@carusohome.com.

ArtsFest Returning This Spring

Saturday March 28 at the Bedford Boys Ranch, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

In collaboration with the Bedford Cultural Commission, the City of Bedford presents ArtsFest, a multicultural event to promote and celebrate the arts in Bedford. This family friendly festival will feature artists, musicians and performers who contribute to the vibrant art scene of the North Texas region.

Enjoy an assortment of food trucks, musical entertainers and art of all shapes and sizes at the historic Boys Ranch Park. In years past we have seen a tremendous outpouring of residents and guests supporting this endeavor, and we hope to continue with the tradition. Coinciding with the City of Bedford's Easter Egg Celebration, the third annual Bedford ArtsFest will take place March 28, 2015, at the Bedford Boys Ranch Park, in the heart of the City's Cultural District. Families can enjoy the Easter festivities and continue over to the ArtsFest for free entertainment and activities. The Bedford ArtsFest is a single-day festival focused on creating opportunities for people of all ages, cultures and backgrounds to celebrate the arts of North Texas.

For all you budding and established artists, there will be an opportunity to display and sell artwork at ArtsFest. The deadline to apply for a booth is January 30, 2015. If interested in obtaining a booth, please contact Jeff Florey at 817-952-2317 or jeff.florey@bedfordtx.gov.



Volunteers are also needed to help support the event. If you are interested in serving your community and the arts, please contact Jeff Florey.



Christmas Tree Recycling

Love the Christmas tree, but hate the process of getting rid of it? The City of Bedford can help make it easy!

Drop off your tree at 3200 Meadow Park anytime on December 26, 2014, through January 12, 2015. There will be a marked-off area at the south end of the parking lot where residents can pull up and drop off the tree for recycling.



Holiday Trash Schedule

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 25, 2014:

Normal Thursday trash and/or recycling collection will shift to Friday, December 26.
Normal Friday trash and/or recycling collection will shift to Saturday, December 27.

NEW YEARS SCHEDULE

Thursday, January 1, 2015:

Normal Thursday trash and/or recycling collection will shift to Friday, January 2.
Normal Friday trash and/or recycling collection will shift to Saturday, January 3.

Beautification Commission News

The Beautification Commission welcomes anyone who would like to join the Commission. The members meet monthly to plan and execute fun and worthwhile programs for the citizens of Bedford. The next event is the annual Clean Up Bedford and Chunk Your Junk day. Volunteers are always wel-

come. Check the City website for the exact event date.

The Commission is always promoting recycling: Reduce, reuse, recycle and rebuy. Recycling just one glass jar saves enough energy to light a 100-watt light bulb for four hours. Here is a tip for recycling – pizza

boxes can be recycled as long as they do not have food stuck to the box. Recycling brochures and information are available through the Commission. Recycling bins are available at no charge from City Hall Building B. Thank you for recycling.



Pictured above: Volunteers keeping Bedford beautiful



Pictured above: Residents with pride in the city participated in Clean Up Bedford Day

The Beautification Commission

Have you ever noticed the community garden on FM 157 across from Trinity High School? Or perhaps you like taking advantage of the Bedford SHRED Day. Both of these projects are courtesy of the Beautification Commission and all their hard work.

The goal of the City of Bedford Beautification Commission is to make Bedford a clean and attractive place in which to live. This means maintaining a healthy environment for the residents and guests. This is done in various ways, such as CRUD Day, which the Commission does twice a year, to allow residents to bring their household hazardous waste to be disposed of properly. They also host a Clean Up Bedford (CUB)/Chunk Your Junk Day. This calls for volunteers to help clean up areas of Bedford, and a centralized location for residents to “chunk” all their non-hazardous items. Another goal is to educate the citizens of Bedford about the ongoing process of keeping the city beautiful.

Recently appointed Chairperson, Marty Geer, is a firm believer in this. “I think most people don’t even know there is a Beautification Commission in Bedford,” she said.

“I know we have residents out there that want to volunteer and be more involved in their community; they just don’t know how to go about it.”

The Commission also offers residents the opportunity to connect with businesses and other people in the city. “Besides keeping the city beautiful, this commission helps people connect with neighbors and businesses, and it offers a way for us to bring our own unique talents together to mentor others in the program,” Geer said.

The Commission considers the following aspects and makes recommendations to the Council accordingly: landscaping of City rights-of-way and City property, award programs for businesses and residential areas that beautify their surroundings, and promoting and educating about the benefits of recycling.

“We are looking for people that want to participate, make a difference and can bring some creative ideas to the table,” said Geer.

For additional information on the Bedford Beautification Commission, please email Marty Geer at martygeer44@yahoo.com.

For information regarding all boards or commissions, contact the City Secretary’s office at 817-952-2104 or go online to www.bedfordtx.gov/boards/.

What is CERT?

If a major disaster affects Bedford, citizens may be forced to rely on each other for help in order to meet immediate life-saving and life-sustaining needs. The Bedford Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a training program that prepares citizen volunteers to respond to emergency situations that may affect the community. This program teaches emergency preparedness and basic disaster response techniques. This will prepare the volunteers to take an active role in providing critical support to first responders during emergencies.

Bedford CERT training is a free nine-week course with classes being held once a week. Our training is open to anyone 18 years of age and is offered twice a year.

Applications may be downloaded from the Bedford Fire Department website <http://www.bedfordfire.net/emergencymanagement/cert.htm>

Completed applications may be dropped off at the Bedford Police Department.

For additional information please email Bedford CERT at bedfordtxccc@yahoo.com.



Pictured above: Citizens participating in team effort during CERT Training

Pictured below: CERT volunteers are prepared to act in case of an emergency

Water Bill Increase Notification

Effective January 1, 2015, the City of Bedford will adjust its water and sewer rates to account for an increase in the cost of services provided by the Trinity River Authority (TRA). The City relies on TRA to provide wholesale water and sewer services to Bedford residents and businesses. The cost for these services is at a rate per 1,000 gallons of water and sewer distributed by the City of Bedford. Recently, TRA notified the City that it will increase its volume water rate 27 cents per 1,000 gallons and its volume sewer rate 11 cents per 1,000 gallons. Therefore the City of Bedford will pass this increase directly on to Bedford customers. On September 23, 2014, the City Council approved the increase in the water and sewer volume rates to go into effect on the January 2015 water bills.

The new monthly rates for residential customers will be as follows:

	Old Water Rate	New Water Rate	Old Sewer Rate	New Sewer Rate
Base Rate	\$18.92	No change	\$11.21	No change
Base Sr. Rate	\$17.20	No change	\$10.18	No change
Usage per 1,000 Gallons	\$3.11	\$3.38	\$2.10	\$2.21



Bedford Fire Department

Ambulance Subscription Program Open Enrollment for 2015 starts now

Bedford residents may purchase an annual subscription for ambulance service fees which are not paid or reimbursed by medical insurance coverage.

Annual subscription memberships provide benefits for the member, his/her spouse, unmarried children under twenty-five (25) years of age and other qualified

dependents, as determined by the Internal Revenue Service, and who live at the same address as the member. Medicaid recipients are not eligible.

Membership covers out-of-pocket expenses for emergency ambulance services only within the City of Bedford. No coverage for non-emergency transfer ambulance services

shall be provided.

Membership enrollment periods will be based on the calendar year and must be renewed annually. Coverage begins immediately upon enrollment.

The current membership fee is \$60 per household.



For information and applications, please call: (817) 952-2500 or visit www.bedfordfire.net.

The Vial of Life Pocket

Essential Information that could save your life

The Vial of Life Pocket (VOLP) could save your life. Your Bedford Fire Department paramedics will look for the Vial of Life pocket on the outside of your refrigerator door. Inside the rear pocket they will find the medical form providing information you have completed along with any other important documents about you. The medical information you printed on the form about yourself will help the paramedics better understand your medical emergency.

This information will be taken with you to the hospital for the emergency department staff to review as well. The Vial of Life Pocket is free to Bedford residents. You can get a VOLP at the Bedford Central Fire Station, 1816 Bedford Road, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. A medical form is included with each VOLP. Extra blank medical forms are also available at the Central Fire Station.

You can also call our office if you need assistance and additional information: 817-952-2500.

“The Vial of Life Pocket will provide paramedics vital medical information during your most critical time.”

Bobby Sewell, Deputy Chief, Emergency Medical Services





Code Compliance Division

Neighborhood Revitalization Program

The Code Compliance Division is responsible for addressing nuisance and property-standard violations to ensure a safe and healthy environment for the community. Our primary goal is to resolve violations in a timely manner to help reduce neighborhood deterioration and maintain property values.

City ordinances, as set forth by the City Council, are designed to maintain the health, safety and well-being of our citizens and community. With this in mind, the mission of the Code Compliance Division is to ensure that all citizens and property comply with the ordinances of the City of Bedford. The Code Compliance Division is committed to the mission through professional, effective and efficient service delivery. Efforts in achieving the mission include participation in the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP). Below is a summary of the NRP:



What is NRP?

Members of the Code Compliance Division, along with the Animal Control Division, meet in a pre-designated residential area of the City and perform a “neighborhood walk.” The goal of this effort is to identify any issues related to Code or Animal Control ordinance violations. If a violation is observed, the resident will be provided a “notice” explaining the nature of the violation and a time frame to correct the issue.

When are the walks conducted?

A NRP walk is typically conducted one day each week, depending on weather and/or staffing levels.



What type of issues/violations are identified?

The most common violations include high grass/weeds, low-hanging tree limbs over streets/sidewalks, dilapidated fences, accumulation of junk/debris and unregistered animals.

How is a neighborhood selected?

The Code Compliance Division divides the City into four districts with one Code Compliance Officer assigned to each district. The neighborhoods selected for the NRP are chosen randomly and typically rotate between districts. In some cases, a particular area may be selected based on complaints received or violations observed in a certain area.

Can I request the NRP be conducted in my neighborhood?

Yes. If you would like a NRP walk to be conducted in your neighborhood, please call Code Compliance at 817-952-2640.



For any questions relating to the Neighborhood Revitalization Program or other questions relating to Code Compliance, please contact us at 817-952-2640. Code and/or animal violations can be reported online by visiting <http://www.bedfordtx.gov/betterit/>.

TEEN COURT VOLUNTEERS

HEB Teen Court is looking for teen volunteers. Teen Court meets on various Monday evenings (at least twice a month), and teens can volunteer as a clerk, bailiff or an attorney. Teens gain experience with public speaking, with self confidence and meeting other volunteers.

This is a way for teens to earn community service hours for school programs such as NHS, NJHS, IB or for college applications. No experience is necessary, and training is provided!



Myths About FOG (Fats, Oil and Grease)

Myth: Wash grease with dish soap

Fact: Even though soap breaks up grease, it loses its effectiveness downstream, allowing grease to solidify on the pipe walls.

Myth: Running hot tap water will help grease float in the sewer pipe

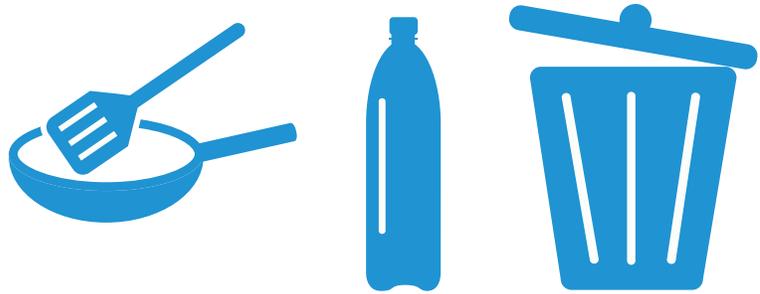
Fact: Running hot tap water will NOT help grease float through the sewer pipe because the water will eventually cool as it flows through the pipe and the grease will become solid again.

Myth: Pour cooking oil at room temperature

Fact: Cooking oil such as canola and olive float on water and adhere to the sewer pipes. It is best to avoid pouring oil down the drain altogether to avoid sewage problems.

How to Properly Dispose of FOG (Fats, Oils and Grease)

Most household plumbing lines are small, and connect directly to pipes that are only slightly larger. When fats, oil and grease are present in these small pipes, they block the sewage flow. A blocked sewer pipe can cause overflow into homes and streets, polluting our waterways. Here is what you can do to protect our natural environment and keep our water free from fats, oil and grease.



- Take liquid oils to your local Household Hazardous Waste facility. This is the best way to get rid of all your fats, oil and grease.
- Pour liquid oils and grease at room temperature into heat-resistant plastic bags or old containers such as plastic milk containers, water bottles or glass jars. Once the container is full, seal it and throw it away with your regular trash.
- Scrape fats, grease and food from plates and cooking utensils into the trash can before washing them or placing them in your dishwasher.
- Use basket strainers in sinks to catch any food particles and empty the contents in the trash.

Residential Cooking Oil Drop-Off

Thinking of frying a turkey for the holidays? Not sure what to do with used cooking oil and grease? Never wash cooking fats, oil or grease down the drain, as they can cause your sewer line to back up into your home.

The City of Bedford Public Works Department provides its residents a drop off container located at 1813 Reliance Parkway. Please call in advance to ensure that the container is available for use.

Public Works Department hours of operation: Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Contact: (817) 952-2200 or (817) 952-2258.



GOT A GREEN THUMB?

Do you want one?

Whether you're an expert or you're just thinking of getting started, these classes will give you some great information.

Hosted by the City of Bedford Environmental Specialist and presented by Texas AgriLife, an extension service of Texas A&M. <http://texasextension.tamu.edu/>

Landscape Basics

March 9, 2015 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Bedford Public Library

Saving from a Rainy Day: Making a Rain Barrel

April 6, 2015 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Bedford Public Library

Lawn Care Maintenance

May 11, 2015 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Bedford Public Library

Container Gardening

June 8, 2015 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Bedford Public Library

Drip Irrigation DIY

July 13, 2015 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Bedford Public Library



These classes were selected by Bedford residents who completed an online survey and those who attended classes held during 2014. Watch for more information in the next

Bedford Connection. Links for sign up will be available on the City of Bedford website in April 2015. Sign-ups are handled by Texas A&M Agrilife Research and are on first-come

first-serve basis. Classes are limited to 50 people. The Rain Barrel class will require a \$25 deposit. Last year's attendance was great. Let's make 2015 even better!

Give Water the Boot! Plant Texas Roots!

Save water, money and the environment with a Texas SmartScape® For more information, visit www.txsmartscape.com

Summertime is fast approaching and with that comes expensive water bills! More than half the typical household's outdoor water usage goes to watering the lawn and garden. Converting to a water-efficient landscape through the proper choice of plants and careful design can reduce this usage by 20 - 50 percent. Once established, native and adapted plants require a lot less water than other plants. To help reduce the amount of water and money spent on your landscape, consider converting to a Texas SmartScape®.

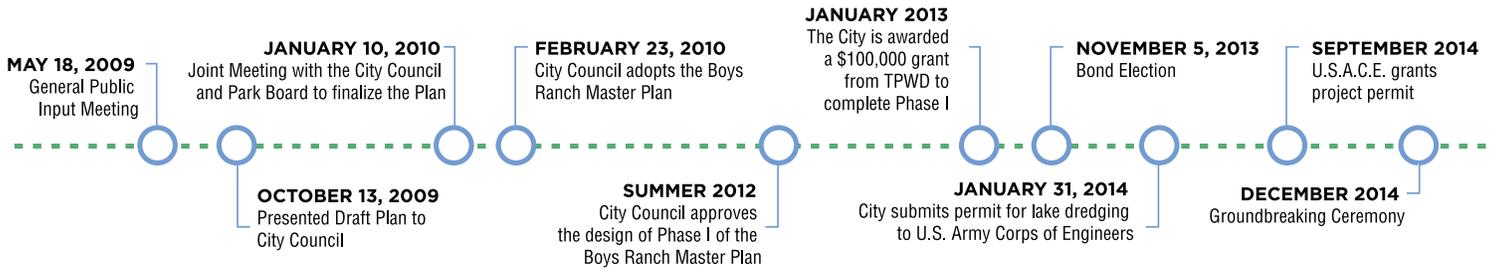
Texas SmartScape® is an award-winning gardening program educating homeowners about the ecological and economic benefits of using landscaping plants, trees, shrubs and grasses native to this region and local climate. Homeowners can still have a thriving lawn or garden in the middle of summer that requires less water, less money, but still looks beautiful! By using native plants, water is conserved and the amounts of fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides are reduced; all of this effort saves the homeowner money and helps keep chemicals out of our streams, rivers and lakes.

SIMPLE WAYS TO SAVE WATER:

- Use native and adapted plants. These plants are native and adapted to the local climate and can handle the Texas summer heat and cold snaps of winter.
- Water efficiently and effectively. Up to 50 percent of your irrigation goes to waste due to evaporation, wind, improper system design or overwatering.
- Water early or late. Water your yard only between 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. to avoid loss from evaporation.
- Water less frequently. Most lawns only need watering once every five to seven days in the growing season and every 15 to 20 days in the winter. If it rains, you may be able to water even less often!
- Install drip irrigation in flower beds and at the roots of shrubs. Drip irrigation delivers almost 95 percent of the water to plants.
- Reduce turf grass. Lawns typically require a large amount of supplemental water and generally more intensive maintenance than other vegetation.

BEDFORD BOYS RANCH

TIMELINE & INFORMATION



Boys Ranch Park Begins Construction

On Tuesday, November 5, 2013, the Bedford voters approved \$3,200,000 the Phase I of the Boys Ranch project. This project was also awarded a \$100,000 Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) grant.

Due to grant requirements as well as the recognition by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) that the lake at the Boys Ranch is considered “waters of the United States of America,” the City of Bedford was required to obtain permits from USACE approving any changes to the lake. This process proved quite lengthy. On January 31, 2014, the City submitted a permit application. It was finally awarded September 4, 2014. This cleared the project to go to bid.

On Tuesday, October 28, the City Council awarded a \$3,156,397 contract to C. Green Scaping. Staging and pre-construction began in November and a groundbreaking was held on Saturday, December 6 to mark the beginning of this important project.

Please be aware that the project will take approximately ten months to complete. During this time areas around the lake and north through the drainage channel will be under construction. Notices will be placed on the City website, and appropriate signage will be posted on site to alert park visitors when areas are restricted. In addition, please visit the Boys Ranch Phase I tab on the homepage of the City’s website www.bedfordtx.gov for more information and construction progress.

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PHASE I COMPONENTS:

- Dredging, reshaping and improving the Boys Ranch Lake. The lake and drainage channel will be lined with decorative stone, and several aerators will be incorporated into the lake as well as the drainage channel.
- New fishing pier.
- Three steel bridges across the drainage channel, allowing more access into the park. The three bridge locations will also include waterfall weirs accompanied with boulders and landscaping.
- One large pavilion area (40’X80’) and two smaller round 30’ pavilions.
- New playground area.
- New disc (Frisbee) golf course.
- Improved trail system.
- Adding lighting, landscaping, irrigation, signage, benches and water fountains.

Check out Bedford’s New Trail Extension

The City of Bedford had a Ribbon Cutting on November 8 to celebrate the grand opening of the newly extended trail in Bedford. The trail connects Meadow Park to Forest Ridge Dr. and is open to the public, so come on out and take a walk on this new addition in Bedford.





Water Quality Issue

Improperly disposed of pet waste can wash into storm drains via rain, melting snow and even from the runoff from sprinklers and other landscape watering. Storm drains in North Central Texas drain directly into our lakes and streams, carrying many pollutants along with the water. This water is NOT treated or cleaned before it empties into a body of water.

Pet waste that ends up in our lakes, rivers and streams causes many problems.

Waste in the water increases bacteria

levels which can cause gastrointestinal problems and skin reactions, making the water unsafe for swimming and other activities. Pet waste in the water also decays, using up oxygen and sometimes releasing ammonia. Low oxygen levels and ammonia combined with warm temperatures can kill fish. Pet waste also contains nutrients that encourage weed and algae growth. Overly fertile water becomes cloudy and green, unattractive for swimming, boating and fishing.

Did You Know ?



Doo the Right Thing!

Tips for Dealing with Pet Waste

TOSS IT (IN A TRASH CAN).

Collect the waste in a plastic bag, tie the end securely and toss it in your trash can.



FLUSH IT.

Pick up the waste with a pooper scooper or slip a plastic bag over your hand. Flush the waste down the toilet (do not flush the plastic bag).



RECYCLE IT.

Attach a small bag or pouch to your dog's leash so that you can always carry a supply of baggies. Reuse materials for picking up pet waste. Save plastic bread bags, plastic newspaper sleeves or plastic produce bags and use them as scooping baggies.



BURY IT.

Scoop the waste and bury it at least six inches in the ground and away from gardens and water sources.

- One gallon of oil can contaminate up to one MILLION gallons of water.
- The overuse of lawn fertilizers can contribute to excessive plant growth in our lakes and streams.
- Keep litter out of pick up truck beds and cover loads so items aren't blown off to the ground. Oil and antifreeze from leaking cars pollutes. When it rains, water runs over the ground and picks up oil, antifreeze and other pollutants and carries them to our streams and lakes.
- Lawn clippings and leaves DO NOT belong in the storm drains. They can cause odors, breed mosquitoes or even clog the drains in your neighborhood, which can cause flooding.

- The average person in the United States uses 80 to 100 gallons of water each day. During medieval times a person used only five gallons per day.
- It takes about one gallon of water to process a quarter pound of hamburger.
- It takes 2,072 gallons of water to make four new tires.
- More than 25% of bottled water comes from a municipal water supply, the same place that tap water comes from.
- It takes more than ten gallons of water to produce one slice of bread.
- Over 713 gallons of water go into the production of one cotton T-shirt.
- 1,000 gallons of water are required to produce one gallon of milk.

If you see landscape services or residents blowing or pouring items into the storm drains, please call the City of Bedford Public Works at 817-952-2200 or the Environmental Supervisor at 817-952-2258.

FOR ANY WATER CONCERNS, PLEASE CALL DAN MITCHELL, UTILITIES MANAGER AT 817-952-2223

Guiding Principles: The Library

PROMOTE LITERACY AND LOVE OF READING

Recognizing the vital importance of reading to open doors and expand horizons, the library strives to support every patron in becoming a lifelong reader.

INSPIRE LIFELONG LEARNING

By supporting patrons in their quest to transform their lives through the acquisition of skills, discovery of knowledge and personal growth.

PROVIDE SERVICE EXCELLENCE

We are customer focused and deliver positive experiences. We are a learning organization and invest in our staff, technology and facility to improve service.

SUPPORT CHILDREN AND TEENS

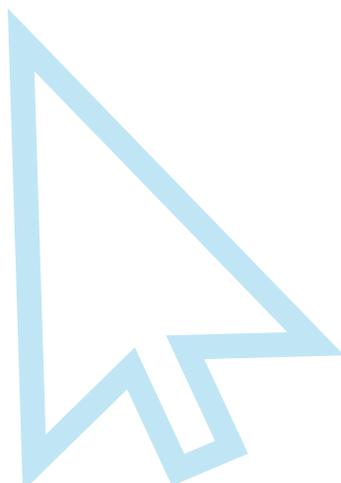
To create young readers and ignite intellectual curiosity for a successful life.

CONNECT THE COMMUNITY

The Library extends its reach and impact on the community by serving as The Place to meet, exchange ideas and celebrate diversity.

ENSURE GOOD STEWARDSHIP

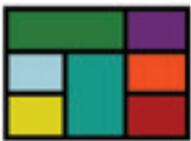
Keep the public trust by creating an organization that values efficiency, sound fiscal management and maximization of resources.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO

- Book a Meeting Room
- Borrow, renew and reserve material
- Stay updated with Bedford Public Library Events
- Get involved with the Library
- Access and download E-Books
- Access online resources
- View our calendar

Our Community's Front Porch...



bedford public library ...for learning, for leisure, for life

Bedford Public Library on Facebook & Twitter

You don't have to walk through the Bedford Public Library's doors to interact with us. We're on Facebook and Twitter!

Check out our Facebook and Twitter pages for Library news and updates, reminders about Library events and alerts about new materials. We want to get to know our community in person and online!



"LIKE" US ON FACEBOOK:
facebook.com/BedfordPublicLibrary



FOLLOW US ON TWITTER:
twitter.com/BedfordLibTx

VISION

To enrich, empower and transform lives.

MISSION

Provide access to information, foster a love of reading and lifelong learning through quality resources and innovative services enabling our community to discover, connect and be inspired.

TAGLINE

For learning, for leisure, for life.

Library Phone Numbers

Information 817-952-2350
Youth Services 817-952-2374

Hours Of Operation

Monday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

For more information visit: www.BedfordLibrary.org

KIDS PLACE

BABYGARDEN

This small-group setting provides parents/caregivers and their babies with physical closeness and a shared enjoyment of reading that can be modeled at home. Participants share songs, puppets, movement, board books, Spanish and sign language done in conjunction with nursery rhymes.

Online registration is required for this program at www.bedfordlibrary.org.

Registration: January 1 – 3, February 26 – 28 and April 9 – 11

Date: Thursdays

Time: Peapods/Pre-walkers
10:10 – 10:30 a.m.
Sprouts/Walkers
10:50 – 11:10 a.m.

Ages: Birth to 23 months

Location: Storytime Theater

TWOZEES

For the young and the restless, 24 – 36 months!

This program is for active 2-year-olds, our recent Babygarden graduates and their parents/caregivers.

Join Ms. Carrie for a magical, musical good time using books, songs, finger plays, flannel boards and videos. There are no classes in December.

Date: Thursdays

Time: 11:45 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.

Location: Storytime Theater

THE STORY SPOT

This program is for active preschoolers and their parents/caregivers. Our story time incorporates rhymes, finger plays, stories and puppetry.

Date: Tuesdays

Time: 10:15 – 10:35 a.m. and 11:00 – 11:20 a.m.

Ages: Two years and older

Location: Storytime Theater



TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

Join Ms. Carrie and Ms. Sarah for a special outdoor teddy bear picnic story time. Little ones are encouraged to bring their favorite stuffed animal friend to join the fun. Don't forget your picnic blanket! Teddy bear-themed refreshments will be served.

Date: Tuesday, April 14

Time: 10:15 - 10:35 a.m. and 11:00 - 11:20 a.m.

Ages: Children of all ages

Location: Outdoors (check in at the Children's Information Desk)

FUN FAMILY FRIDAYS

Join us after school for some free fun...it could be a story time or board games. Children must be accompanied by their parent/caregiver.

Date: January 23
February 27
March 27
April 24

Time: 3:45 – 4:05 p.m.

Ages: Pre-school and elementary school-aged children

Location: Storytime Theater

READ2ROVER

Heart of Texas Therapy Dogs encourage children to read by providing a non-judgmental audience. Our furry listeners enjoy lying next to the reader and being read to; they won't laugh if a child stumbles over a word. This relationship between child and dog enables the child to gain a positive attitude about reading, improve reading skills and build confidence. Contact 817-952-2374 for details.

Date: Fourth Sunday of the month

Time: 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

BEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY OFFERS TUMBLEBOOKS!

TumbleBooks is a collection of online books available through our website. Books come to life through animated characters, stories and games. The collection features ebooks, storybooks, non-fiction books, read-alongs, graphic novels, puzzles/games and videos. Interactive experiences foster a love of reading and enhance comprehension. The TumbleBook Library offers books and activities geared toward children 3-8 yrs. old. Many titles feature the Lexile level and Accelerated Reader ratings as well as quizzes that children can take after reading or listening to a book. Access to TumbleBooks is free and available online from all public computers in the Library or from home through the link at bedfordlibrary.org.



SUMMER READING CLUB

Watch for Summer Reading Club activities for children, teens and adults. We'll keep you reading all summer long!

MOVIES

Spring Break

Kids can enjoy free movies!

Visit bedfordlibrary.org for movie listings.

Dates: March 9 – 10, 12 – 13

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Storytime Theater



LEGOS at the LIBRARY: FREEBUILDERS

Do you have a LEGO enthusiast who can spend hours engrossed in creative building? Then join the Bedford Public Library's LEGOS: FREEBUILDERS for children 6 – 12 yrs. This is a great environment for your kids to make new friends, use their imaginations and work through challenges. There will be different building themes each time we meet. Children should be accompanied by an adult. We supply the LEGOs. No registration is required for this free program.

Date: Wednesdays, January 14, February 11, March 11 and April 8

Time: 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Date: Saturdays, January 24, February 28, March 28 and April 25

Time: 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Location: Storytime Theater



SEUSS FESTIVAL:

Celebrating Dr. Seuss and Childhood Literacy.

The Only Family Literacy Festival in the Metroplex!

Celebrity readers from here or there, a Cat in the Hat and a craft to wear. Cake to smear on your brother's hair, Thing One and Thing Two will also be there. Kitty whiskers painted on a sweet little face so bring your click shutters for pictures to take. Wear a costume... joining the fun is certainly wise.

Date: Sunday, March 1

Time: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.



FOR ADULTS TECHNOLOGY



Public PC Access & Wi-Fi

Computers are available at the Library for free Internet and word processing access. Laptop owners can enjoy free Wi-Fi access at the Library.

COMPUTER CLASSES FOR LIFELONG LEARNERS

Need help making the technology work for you? Join this relaxed, informal, informative class. We have experienced teachers available to assist you. Bring your own device or use our computers. No registration is required for this free class.

Date: Tuesdays
Time: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Location: Jim & Becky Wilkes Technology Center

COMPUTER 101

Are you a computer novice? Come to this class to get started with beginner level computer skills. We will review keyboarding and mousing skills, among other topics. No registration is required for this free class.

Date: Wednesdays, February 4,
March 4 and April 1
Time: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Location: Jim & Becky Wilkes Technology Center
Instructor: Jamila Evilsizor

WORD BASICS

Come to this class if you have little or no experience using Microsoft Word. We will go over the very basic elements of creating a simple Word document such as font and paragraph formatting, inserting pictures, adjusting margins, etc.

***PREREQUISITE:** Class attendees must be comfortable using the keyboard and mouse. This class is paced for those with basic computer skills.

Registration is required and opens for each session two weeks prior to the class date. Contact the Information Desk at 817-952-2350 for more information.

Date: Wednesdays, February 11,
March 11 and April 8
Time: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Location: Jim & Becky Wilkes Technology Center
Instructor: Caroline Tait

EXCEL BASICS

Come to this class if you have little or no experience using Microsoft Excel. We will go over basic elements of formatting cells and creating simple data tables.

***PREREQUISITE:** Class attendees must be comfortable using the keyboard and mouse. This class is paced for those with basic computer skills.

Registration is required and opens for each session two weeks prior to the class date. Contact the Information Desk at 817-952-2350 for more information.

Date: Wednesdays, February 18 and April 15
Time: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Location: Jim & Becky Wilkes Technology Center
Instructor: Sarah Featherstone

PUBLISHER BASICS

Come to this class if you have little or no experience using Microsoft Publisher. We will create a simple flyer utilizing various creative formatting elements of this software.

***PREREQUISITE:** Class attendees must be comfortable using the keyboard and mouse. This class is paced for those with basic computer skills.

Registration is required and opens for each session two weeks prior to the class date. Please call the Information Desk at 817-952-2350 for more information.

Date: Wednesday, March 18
Time: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Location: Jim & Becky Wilkes Technology Center
Instructor: Caroline Tait



iPAD 101

This class will help you become more familiar with your tablet by walking you through all of its buttons and key features. You will gain the skill to use your iPad with ease. You are encouraged to bring your iPad while we dive into such topics as: locking/unlocking, intro to buying apps, taking pics, exploring device settings and much more.

No registration is required for this free class.

Date: Saturdays, February 7, March 7 and April 4
Time: 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Bonnie Finn Room
Instructor: Jamila Evilsizor

iPAD 102

Have the basic skills to operate an iPad but want to take it to the next level? Join us while we learn how iTunes, the AppStore, software updates and iCloud can enrich your mobile experience!

*PREREQUISITE: Attendees must have basic iPad skills and/or attend the "iPad 101" class.

No registration is required for this free class.

Date: Saturdays, February 7, March 7 and April 4
Time: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Location: Bonnie Finn Room
Instructor: Jamila Evilsizor

LIFE TRANSITIONS LEARNING GROUP

If you're thinking about transitions in your career or facing changes in other areas of your life, this group focuses on developing greater self-awareness and learning how to apply your natural "gifts"/talents in creating paths to help you move forward. Structured discussions will include both personal and professional growth topics such as creating better work/life balance, developing/refining personal goals and action plans, identifying individual preferences for directing your interests/energy, managing professional relationships, and task/time management. Group members will discuss how various topics presented can help in improving our ability to solve problems and make decisions about the things that matter most to us. In addition, we will explore how topics discussed provide opportunities to lead, influence and work more effectively with others, and how what we've learned can be applied to achieve personal goals.

For more information, contact Susan Hampton at 817-312-6396 or email susan@hamptonassociates.org.

Date: Third Saturday of the month
Time: 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Location: Bonnie Finn Board Room

WE NEED YOU FOR THE LIBRARY FOUNDATION

Are you looking for an opportunity to make a real difference in our community? Find out about the Bedford Library Foundation. For more information contact Patt Dreyer by calling 682-559-2746 or email bedfordlibraryfundraising@gmail.com.



Need help with downloading ebooks or learning an electronic database?

Call 817-952-2350 to make your appointment or visit bedfordlibrary.org.

LIFELONG LEARNING

BEDFORD LIBRARY STITCHERS

This monthly program provides an opportunity for stitchers of all skill levels and techniques to gather for sharing and learning. BPL Stitchers is about fostering, studying and preserving the art of embroidery, beadwork, Blackwork, Brazilian and much more. No registration is required for this free event. Contact Sue Countryman at 817-577-0406 for program details.

Date: Second Saturday of the month
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Date: Third Tuesday of the month
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Location: Bonnie Finn Board Room

FORT WORTH CALLIGRAPHERS GUILD

This monthly meeting offers hands-on and lecture-style programs on historical, modern and contemporary calligraphy and related arts. It's a great way to apply your own expressive creativity, learn how to letter or just improve your handwriting skills. Visit fortworthcalligraphersguild.com for scheduled programs and workshops.

Date: Second Thursday of the month
Time: 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Location: Meeting Room South

BPL WRITERS CIRCLE

The Library is sponsoring a free program for writers of all genres. Meet twice a month to fine-tune your craft and help others do the same.

Date: First and Third Sunday of the month
Time: 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Location: Bonnie Finn Board Room

BOOKWORMS: Book Club

Enjoy reading? Then you will enjoy the Bedford BookWorms' lively literary discussions! No registration is required for this free program.

Date: Third Thursday of the month
Time: 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Location: Bonnie Finn Board Room

WORDPRESS MIDCITIES USER GROUP

Join this active local WordPress user group to learn, create, own and maintain your website and Internet presence at a very low cost. To learn more about this free program visit info@wordpressmidcitiesgroup.com.

Date: Fourth Saturday of the month
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Location: Meeting Room North

PRONUNCIATOR

Ready for a fun and easy way to learn a new language? The Bedford Public Library now offers Pronunciator, a language-learning software featuring speech recognition, scored quizzes, a virtual coach, downloadable audio lessons and virtual conversations in 80 languages – including ESL for speakers of 50 non-English languages. Access to Pronunciator is free and available online from all public computers in the Library or from home through the link at bedfordlibrary.org.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

These free classes will operate according to the HEBISD schedule. This program is sponsored by the North Texas Consortium, the Bedford Public Library and the fiscal agent, Fort Worth Independent School District. Registration dates to be announced. Contact the Information Desk at 817-952-2350 for more information.

TAX PREPARATION

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers will provide free tax preparation during the 2015 tax season. Registration begins January 2, 2015. To guarantee an appointment you must register by calling 817-952-2346.

Date: Mondays, February 2 – April 13
Times: 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Date: Saturdays, February 7 – April 11
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Location: Jennifer's Discovery Room



DRIVE-UP HOLDS WINDOW

Have Holds to pick up? Try out the Drive-Up Window! Once notified that your hold is ready, call 817-952-2357 at least one hour prior to your arrival and notify us that you would like to pick it up at the Drive-Up Window. At the Drive-Up Window, patrons will need to provide the name used to place the hold, as well as their library card number or four-digit code given to them.

FOR TEENS



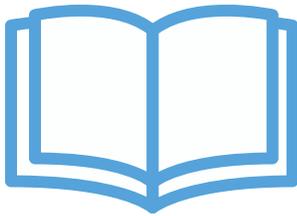
TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUMMER

Need CAS or community service hours for school? The Bedford Public Library will be accepting applications for teen volunteers. Applications will be available at the Children's Information Desk for teens (ages 12 to 18).

Questions? Call 817-952-2374 or download an application at bedfordlibrary.org.

When: April 1 through May 15 – for Summer applications

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MATH HOMEWORK HELP 7TH - 12TH GRADES

Teens in 7th – 12th grades can get math help at the Library. Marsha Davidson, an HEBISD math teacher, will be available to assist teens with their math homework. No registration is required for this free program; it's on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact the Children's Information Desk at 817-952-2374 for more information.

Date: Thursdays (except HEBISD holidays)

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Teen Room

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SATURDAY GAMING

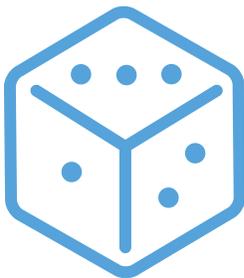
Tweens and teens ages 10 - 17 yrs. are invited to play PS3, Wii and board games at the Library. No registration is required for this free event.

Dates: Saturdays

Time: 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Location: Teen Room

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SECOND SATURDAYS TEEN PROGRAM

Teens, come hang out at the Library after hours! Our monthly programs vary from movies, gaming and whatever else we can think up. Online registration is required and all teens must bring their student ID to get into the event. These events are for teens ages 12-17 yrs. Check out our website for specific Second Saturdays activities. Contact Sarah Featherstone at 817-952-2344 or sarah.featherstone@bedfordtx.gov for more information.

Date: Saturdays, January 10, February 14, March 14 and April 11

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Teen Room

BEDFORD LIBRARY FRIENDS

Support the Bedford Library Friends Book Store. We accept books (hardback & paperback), audio visual items (VHS, DVD, CD, cassettes, records, video games), board games, puzzles and magazines. Donations can be dropped off during the Library's business hours, and a donations receipt for tax purposes can be given upon request. Please do not use the Drive-Thru Book Drop for your donations. Your donations help support the Library's programs and Library needs. Contact Jim Davisson at 817-271-7107 for more information.

Mardi Gras Casino and Gala

- February 7, 2015
The Best Party in Town!

The 6th Annual Mardi Gras Casino and Gala sponsored by the Bedford Public Library Foundation is bigger and better, and we are mixing it up for even more fun. Save the date - Saturday, February 7, 2015. Tickets are available at the front desk of the Library, but do not wait as the event has sold out the past two years.

Ticket includes a fabulous dinner served with wine, casino, live (a first) and silent auctions - plus there could be more. Watch for more details and remember to plan and join the fun at the best party in Bedford.

For additional information contact Patt Dreyer at 682-559-2746 or e-mail mardi-grasbedford@gmail.com.





MARDI GRAS CASINO NIGHT & GALA TEXAS STYLE!

Saturday, February 7, 2015
Bedford Public Library
2424 Forest Ridge Drive

Casino Night, Live Auction, Silent Auction, Music, & Dinner!

- PRESENTING SPONSOR \$5,000**
Two tables of 8, **name on street banner**, recognition on invitations, name on banner at the event, sponsorship recognition on Library website, online Library newsletter and in-house flat screen TVs.
- VIP SPONSOR \$2,500**
One table of 8, recognition on invitations, name on banner at the event, sponsorship recognition on Library website and in-house flat screen TVs.
- GOLD SPONSOR \$1,500***
Six tickets, recognition on invitations, name on banner at the event, sponsorship recognition on Library website and in-house flat screen TVs.
- PURPLE SPONSOR \$1,000***
Four tickets, sponsorship recognition on Library website and name on banner at the event.
- GREEN SPONSOR \$500***
Two tickets, sponsorship recognition on Library website and name on banner at the event.
- CASINO SPONSOR \$250***
Sponsorship recognition on Library website, casino table sign and name on banner at the event.
- INDIVIDUAL TICKETS \$50 or \$95 per couple**
Includes Casino, Music, Dinner and Silent Auction!
- NO, I am unable to attend, but would like to donate \$_____ to Bedford Library Foundation.**
*Sponsorship payment must be received by Friday, January 2, 2015, to be included in all publicity opportunities.

The Bedford Public Library Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit.

Name: _____ Business: _____

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I would like my contribution to be in honor or memory of: _____

Send acknowledgement of my gift to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please mail, fax or email this form to Patt Dreyer at Bedford Public Library Foundation:

Mail: 2424 Forest Ridge Drive, Bedford, TX 76021

Email: mardigrasbedford@gmail.com

Fax: 817-952-2396

Facility Rental

The Old Bedford School is a hidden treasure that more people need to visit and see for themselves! It is a great place to have your weddings, receptions, parties, business meetings or any other special occasion. Please call to make an appointment at 817-952-2290.

Location

A unique setting in the heart of Dallas/Fort Worth, just minutes west of the DFW Airport. The beautifully restored c. 1915 Old Bedford School is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Function Space

The Auditorium accommodates 149 people in upholstered, reproduction-styled seats. It features 1600 square feet of space and includes a raised stage. A baby grand Chickering piano is available thanks to the generosity of the Mid Cities Piano Teachers Association.

The Galleries are ideal for training, seminars, receptions, reunions, anniversary parties, luncheons, art shows and much more. Sliding wood doors open the two rooms to accommodate up to 112 seated persons (or up to 150 persons standing).

Unique

The Conference Room seats 12 at a hand-crafted mission-style oak conference table.

Equipment

On-site audiovisual system features a portable presentation cart with DVD, slide to video converter, visualizer and laptop computer inputs, all easily controlled from an icon-based touch panel. The Old Bedford School is Wi-Fi enabled.

Access

The facility is handicapped-accessible, and has free on-site parking and is open year round.

Food Service

The facility is convenient to nearby restaurants, and catering lists are available. Complimentary coffee & setup available, upon request, for full-day meeting rentals only.

The Old Bedford School Facility/ Grounds Rental Rates

MONDAY - THURSDAY

\$75 per hour 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
\$80 per hour 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

FRIDAY & SUNDAY

\$100 per hour 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

SATURDAY

\$125 per hour 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
\$150 per hour 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

The following are the refundable security deposits for hourly rentals:
\$100.00 for under 99 people
\$500.00 for 100+ people

OBS CLEANING (OPTIONAL)

\$250 For the last 4 hours of event

Great Opportunity for Businesses

Rental fees are available for business travelers staying at Bedford Hotels.*

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
\$300.00 per day

*(All other fees apply. This pricing is not applicable to weekend or non-business events.)

Please call 817-952-2290 to book a rental or visit us online at oldbedfordschool.com

The Old Bedford School Turns 100 in 2015

In the year 1914, the residents of Bedford, Texas agreed to a bond project for \$5,000 to build a school house, and in 1915 the Old Bedford School was completed. The School was considered the largest structure in the area, and for the next 54 years it served to educate the Bedford community. Even though it has not been used as a school for many years, it still plays a big role in our community and in 2015 this historical icon will turn 100 years old.

The 100 Year Anniversary Committee is made up of community members, city staff, former faculty and Old Bedford School alumni. One of these alumni is 68-year-old Dane Martin, who attended the school from 1953 to 1959. *“I have such fond memories of my time at the Old Bedford School,” Martin said. “But one of the most lasting things was meeting my best friend, Gary Sibley, on the first day of class.”*



“We are still friends to this day!”

Pictured: Dean Martin in OBS Yearbook

Martin has lived all his life in Bedford and is a third generation Old Bedford School alumnus. “Both my grandfather and father went to school there, so personally, I have a lot of history tied in with the School,” said Martin.

In 1991 a fire swept through the building, destroying over half of the School, however, the City of Bedford restored the building to its former glory. “I was so worried when it caught fire, that they would let it crumble and fall into disrepair, but the City did a great job of restoring it and making it the great venue it now is,” Martin said. The 100 year committee has been committed to planning and scheduling a year-long series of events leading up to the important 100-year milestone on September 19, 2015. “I love being on this committee,” Martin stated. *“I have such a sense of pride in this community, and the Old Bedford School will always hold a special place in my heart.”*



Events Leading up to the 100 Year Old Bedford School Celebration

Throughout the year the OBS 100 Year Anniversary Committee has set goals to help our community with different donations to mark the Centennial year. Please help us by bringing these items out to different events.

- **Sunday, February 1, 2015 3:00 p.m.**

Collectors Day Bring in your collector items from 1915-1960 and discuss what they mean to you. More information as the event draws near.

- **Sunday, March 1, 2015 3:00 p.m.**

Antiques - What's it worth? Always wondered if those old textbooks are antiques? Or maybe you have some old-fashioned toys whose worth you want to know. Come find out at the Old Bedford School 'What's it Worth' Show and enjoy a quilting demonstration.

- **Saturday, March 28, 2015 TBA**

Stop by the 100 year celebration booth at ArtsFest to find out more about the upcoming events leading to the grand finale.

- **Thursday, April 2, 2015 6:00 p.m.**

Twilight Thursday Taste and Tunes Opening Event Enjoy some live tunes from a different era, as well as food, games and more. Pledge 100 hours of volunteerism.

- **Thursday, April 9, 2015 7:00 p.m.**

Twilight Thursday Concert Series and 100 donations to the animal shelter.

- **Thursday, April 16, 2015 7:00 p.m.**

Twilight Thursday Concert Series and 100 hours of trash pickup.

- **Thursday, April 23, 2015 7:00 p.m.**

Twilight Thursday Concert Series and 100 used children's books or games.

- **Thursday, April 30, 2015 7:00 p.m.**

Twilight Thursday Concert Series and 100 canned food items for the food pantry.

- **Thursday, May 7, 2015 7:00 p.m.**

Twilight Thursday Concert Series and 100 toiletries items for the women's shelter.

- **Thursday, May 14, 2015 7:00 p.m.**

Twilight Thursday Concert Series and 100 \$5 donations for a Golden Centennial bench at the Old Bedford School.

- **Thursday, May 21, 2015 6:00 p.m.**

Twilight Thursday Taste and Tunes Final Concert Wrapping up the concert series with live music, food and more! Centennial Photo Gallery during the Taste & Tunes.

- **Sunday, June 7, 2015 3:00 p.m.**

Take a walk with us through historical "Old Bedford" Join us at the Old Bedford School for a Centennial Doll Tea Party and a walk through historic 'Old Bedford'. We will visit places like the old Fire Station, Cemetery, and end up at the Old Bedford School.

- **Friday, July 24, 2015 3:00 p.m.**

Ice Cream Social In 1915 the Old Bedford School had an ice cream social to commemorate the completion of the School. 100 years later we plan on following in their footsteps.

- **Sunday, August 2, 2015 3:00 p.m.**

Step Back in Time Come with us as we continue to the Centennial Photo Gallery and enjoy an Apron Party and Bake Off. Complete with a canning demonstration.

- **Saturday, September 19, 2015 TBA**

Grand Finale and 100 Year Celebration Join us in our final 100-year celebration with a picnic on the school grounds, a farmers market, an old-fashioned car show, centennial class reunion, cake and historic dinner. We will wrap the evening up with a fireworks show not to be missed!

WEDDING PACKAGES

SATURDAY RATES



Package A

\$1,500 + \$500 Refundable Security Deposit

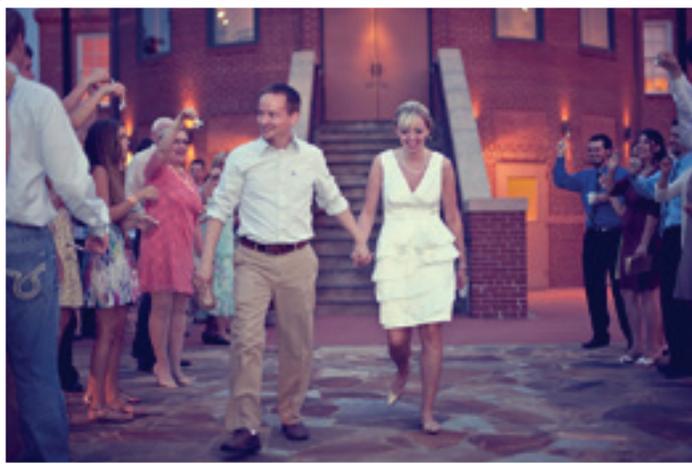
- 4 rectangular tables 6'
- 75 chairs
- One brick – engraved and placed on walkway
- Use of audio visual/sound system

TIME ALLOWED FOR SERVICES, PERSONNEL AND USE OF BUILDING:

- Two hours for consultation Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- One hour for rehearsal time
- Six hours for set-up, wedding, reception and clean-up
- Two hours for scheduled bridal portrait: Monday-Thursday between 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Additional Options for Package A

- Purchase of Fluted Wine Glass Set \$25
- Rental of Silver Folding Chairs \$1.00 per chair
- Rental of White Flexone Chairs \$1.50 per chair
- Rental of 5ft Rectangle Tables \$8.00 per table
- Rental of Round Highboy Tables \$10.00 per table
- Rental of 60" Round Tables \$10.00 per table
- Rental of Bar \$35
- Cleaning Services last 4 hours of event \$250



Package B

\$1,800 + \$500 Refundable Security Deposit

- 6 rectangular tables 6'
- 16 round tables 60"
- 16 white round tablecloths
- 130 metal chairs
- One brick - engraved and placed on walkway
- One set of fluted wine glasses - engraved with gold rim and OBS logo
- Use of audio visual/sound system

TIME ALLOWED FOR SERVICES, PERSONNEL AND USE OF BUILDING:

- Two hours for consultation Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- One hour of rehearsal time
- Eight hours for set-up, wedding, reception and clean-up
- Two hours for scheduled bridal portrait: Monday-Thursday between 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Additional Options for Package B

- Rental of White Flexone Chairs \$1.50 per chair
- Rental of Round Highboy Tables \$10.00 per table
- Rental of Bar \$35
- Cleaning Services last 4 hours of event \$250



Outdoor wedding and/or reception options possible.
Visit oldbedfordschool.com or call 817-952-2290 for more specific rental information.

FRIDAY AND SUNDAY RATES

Package A

\$1,200 + \$500 Refundable Security Deposit

- 4 rectangular tables 6'
- 75 chairs
- One brick – engraved and placed on walkway
- Use of audio visual/sound system

TIME ALLOWED FOR SERVICES, PERSONNEL AND USE OF BUILDING:

- Two hours for consultation Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- One hour for rehearsal time
- Six hours for set-up, wedding, reception and clean-up
- Two hours for scheduled bridal portrait: Monday-Thursday between 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Additional Options for Package A

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| • Purchase of Fluted Wine Glass Set | \$25 |
| • Rental of Silver Folding Chairs | \$1.00 per chair |
| • Rental of White Flexone Chairs | \$1.50 per chair |
| • Rental of 5ft Rectangle Tables | \$8.00 per table |
| • Rental of Round Highboy Tables | \$10 per table |
| • Rental of 60" Round Table | \$10 per table |
| • Rental of Bar | \$35 |
| • Cleaning Services last 4 hours of event | \$250 |

Package B

\$1,500 + \$500 Refundable Security Deposit

- 6 rectangular tables 6'
- 16 round tables 60"
- 16 white round tablecloths
- 130 metal chairs
- One brick – engraved and placed on walkway
- One set of fluted wine glasses - engraved with gold rim and OBS logo
- Use of audio visual/sound system

TIME ALLOWED FOR SERVICES, PERSONNEL AND USE OF BUILDING:

- Two hours for consultation Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- One hour of rehearsal time during Monday-Thursday hours
- Eight hours for set-up, wedding, reception and clean-up
- Two hours for scheduled bridal portrait: Monday-Thursday between 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Additional Options for Package B

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|---|------------------|
| • Rental of White Flexone Chairs | \$1.50 per chair |
| • Rental of Round Highboy Tables | \$10 per table |
| • Rental of Bar | \$35 |
| • Cleaning Services last 4 hours of event | \$250 |



Teacher Volunteers Wanted at Old Bedford School

If you have a love of history, teaching children and have been looking for a way to keep busy, then the Old Bedford School Program may be just what you are looking for.

Volunteers present scripted explanations of artifacts and history of the activities of the 1915 school to third grade students' involved in the HEB ISD Heritage Education Program. Field trips are conducted on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Volunteers may sign up for convenient dates to help.

For further information and an application, please contact Amy Bourquin at 817-952-2292. Applicants are required to interview and undergo background checks. For more information about the Old Bedford School, call 817-952-2290 or visit oldbedfordschool.com.



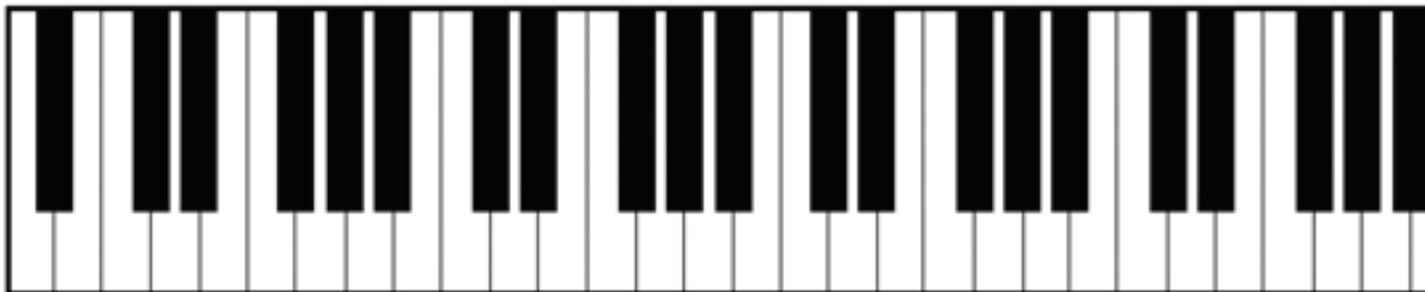
Jerry Rizzi Music Classes

The Old Bedford School is currently accepting students interested in learning guitar, bass guitar or cello. Jerry Rizzi will be the instructor for these classes.

Rizzi has extensive experience in these three instruments and worked with some of the best artists from various genres. Early in Rizzi's career, he had the opportunity and privilege to study bass with Jimmy Garrison, famed bassist with the John Coltrane quartet. Later, while attending Classical Music classes at Hofstra University, Rizzi was privileged to study cello under the guidance of Seymore Benstock. At the same time, he was utilizing his talents on bass guitar as a member of the band for legendary Jazz & Blues guitarist Joe Monk, a relationship that lasted 10 years. Along with Jazz/Blues and Classical, Rizzi's musical background includes Rock & Folk Rock.

He is currently available for private lessons for any of the three instruments. Classes will be held at the Old Bedford School. For additional information call: 817-952-2290.

Take Piano Lessons at The Old Bedford School



Envision yourself taking lessons on a classic grand piano in the elegant auditorium of Old Bedford School.

ARE YOU A BEGINNER?

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MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

Prices:

Couples \$75 + online fee
(two meal tickets and two show tickets)

Individual \$40 + online fee
(one meal ticket and one show ticket)

Buying a Table \$275 + online tax
(eight meal tickets and eight show tickets)

Schedule:

6:30 p.m. Check in begins

6:45 p.m. Dinner begins

7:45 p.m. Proceed to Auditorium

9:00 p.m. Dessert served at your table and review the clues to solve the murder for a chance to win a prize!

Entertainment presented by:

U.S. Actors Company and includes a sit-down dinner. All meals include water, tea and coffee with dessert. Menu will be updated on website at www.ouldbedfordschool.com

Looking for
something fun to do
on a Saturday night?
Well, you found it!

Come and try a Murder
Mystery Dinner adventure at
the Old Bedford School.

PURCHASE TICKETS

<http://www.ouldbedfordschool.com/performances/mystery.htm>

Refunds for each show will only be granted up to ten days prior to each show.

January 17, 2015

“Slippery When Dead”

Wealthy oilman Tex “Big Daddy” Digger is hosting his company’s annual awards banquet tonight. He plans to give out a big bonus to his most valuable employee if his new trophy-wife, Goldie, hasn’t spent all the company money. Will his crafty foreman, Hiram, get the bonus again this year? Or will Little Bit, his trusty secretary or Ethyl, the safety expert, be the winner? Or will the competition for the big bucks leave someone slippery when dead?

March 21, 2015

“Fit To Kill”

Entrepreneur Kurt Hertz is selling his health club, unbeknownst to his employees. But what about his promise to Lotta Repps, his shapely activities director? How will yoga instructor Matt Etation react to the news that his position may be eliminated? Will everyone play nice or will someone be fit to kill?

May 23, 2015

“Uncle Buzzard’s Last Request”

Uncle Buzzard fears that he doesn’t have long to live, so he has called the Hatch family together to execute his new Last Will and Testament. He doesn’t want his family bickering over his estate after he is gone, so he wants to personally explain his wishes. Will his daughters, Robin and Sparrow, accept his last request? What about his business partner? Will everyone play nice, or will someone be executed instead of the will?

February 14, 2015

“Murder for My Valentine”

Anita Mann is hosting a big party for her three pen pals, hoping that one will be her Valentine. Will her jealous twin sister, Donita, spoil the day? Will her Aunt Sue keep Anita’s secret about her suitors? Can her pen pals remain civil as they compete for her affections, or will there be murder for my valentine?

April 18, 2015

“Addicted to Murder”

The patients have completed twenty-eight days at Dr. Peppler’s Addiction and Affliction Recovery Center. Nurse Rerimes is about to report the doctor’s findings, and everyone is eager to learn who has been cured and can return home. Will Clark Dark, who is addicted to tanning beds, be released? How about Candy, who hasn’t learned to resist Skittles? Will it be Betty, the narcoleptic, or will the pressure of the big night cause someone to become addicted to murder?

June 20, 2015

“Murder Overboard”

The passengers are preparing to board the ship to take a cruise for lovers on Circus Cruise Lines. Captain X. Ron Valdez is preparing to set sail while the ship’s doctor, C. Alice Hardin, is making sure the ship’s pharmacy is well stocked. The ship’s entertainer, magician Davey Copafield, is quite excited about all the women expected to be on board. Will everything be smooth sailing, or will there be murder on board?

July 18, 2015

“Title Coming Soon”



My Secret Behind the Altar

The play will be held at The Old Bedford School Theatre on March 29, 2015 at 6:15 pm.

15% off \$15 ticket

This is a play that is focused on Mental Wellness Awareness. What we mean by that is that we are trying to get the message out about the signs of mental illness so that others may understand that a family member who is having problems may very well have a mental disorder as opposed to just acting out. This play is based on a book called *My Secret Behind The Altar* where a mother has a behavior disorder and how she tries to hide it but it eventually comes out and is now affecting her children and the help she got because of the effects it had on her children and her life. This is a Justin Nieboer Production.

For more information contact Tricia Crow at 972-781-8969 or by email at tricia.crow@live.com

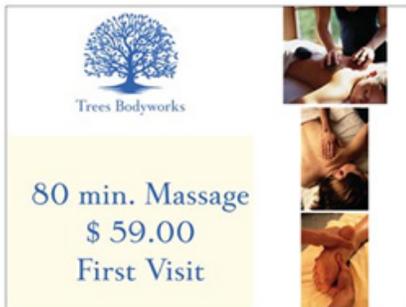


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UPCOMING SEMINAR

ECONOMIC REVIEW

January 8, 2015, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

At The Old Bedford School, 2400 School Lane, Bedford TX

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info@artscouncilnortheast.org

1 Week Summer Arts College - \$89

If purchased prior to May 1, 2015

Regular price \$150-\$175 per week

Dates and locations will be published on our website after April 1, 2015

www.artscouncilnortheast.org

Arts Council Northeast

With a vision of access to the arts for all, their mission is to provide artistic, cultural and educational opportunities to improve the quality of life in our communities. For over 35 years, Arts Council Northeast has worked as an integral partner with cities, schools and businesses, including state and national organizations, to raise awareness that art, culture and entertainment are vital to the economic well-being of our communities. Arts Council Northeast is committed to developing and implementing ways to encourage arts and education to the residents of North Tarrant and southern Denton counties.

Since 1997, Arts Council Northeast has granted over \$665,000, with a match totaling over 1.4 million dollars from Texas Commission for the Arts, to artists and arts projects in North Tarrant and southern Denton counties. For the past 33 years, Arts Council Northeast, in conjunction with the 16 cities they serve, has been presenting visual and performing arts concerts free and open to the public, featuring local, national and international artists.

More than 4,622 students have attended our Summer Arts College with 1,238 scholarships over the past 19 years.

This unique opportunity for children ages 6-16 to be a part of an imaginative, fun, week-long cultural experience opens up children's minds and worlds, offering them skills they need for a bright future. Summer Arts College registration begins April 1. You can register and pay online at www.artscouncilnortheast.org. Arts Council Northeast hosts an annual fundraising event – the Triple Crown Affair at Lone Star Park – on Saturday, May 2, 2015. Proceeds benefit our programs, allowing us to continue to make the arts accessible to all. Ticket and/or sponsorship details are on our website or call 817-283-3406.

More information on their organization and programs can be found on their website: www.artscouncilnortheast.org.

Classes at the Arts Council Northeast Building

All classes are offered by independent instructors. Classes are held in the Arts Council Northeast building at the Bedford Boys Ranch, 2819 R. D. Hurt Parkway, Bedford, TX 76021.

Pottery: *clay classes using wheel and hand-building techniques*

Fee: \$120; continuing students pay \$45/month studio fee

Ages: Adult

Instructor: Arlene Taylor Contact: 817-685-8839 for details and to register.

Location: Arts Council Northeast building, Room 204 (upstairs)

Fee: M-W 6:15-8:15 p.m. \$160 Tues. 6:15-9:15 p.m. \$120

Ages: Adults & Teens

Instructor: Teri Carson www.pachydermpottery.com (details and registration)

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MAKE A SERVING TRAY A mini project workshop where you will re-purpose an old cabinet door into a fabulous serving tray!

CHALK IT UP A mini project workshop where you will re-purpose something we have in our accessory stash into a useful chalkboard!

CREATE YOUR OWN WORKSHOP Don't see dates that fit your schedule? Want to get together with friends in a private group?

Just call or send an email to describe what kind of workshop you would like, providing options for dates and times!

Trinity Arts Guild

Trinity Arts Guild (TAG) was formed in 1961 for professional and amateur artists to explore and expand their creativity.

Their purpose is to advance the cultural level and outlook of the general area in which we are located, particularly in the field of fine and applied arts. This is accomplished through a program of encouragement and instruction for people of all ages, as well as those who are interested in promoting the creation and

appreciation of all the arts, and through a policy of display, both public and private.

TAG affords its members gallery displays, art competitions and free demonstrations. In addition, members participate in local exhibits, art education and networking.

You are invited to visit the gallery and buy art directly from artist(s), and take advantage of the services they offer the visual arts community.



Art Classes

Please contact the instructor for details and costs

Classes are held in the Trinity Arts Gallery within the Arts Council Northeast building.

Monday

Time: 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Instructor: Barbara McFarland – Acrylic, Oil (canvas)

Contact: 817-282-0714 or theartistsbrsh@aol.com

Tuesday

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Instructor: Bennie J. Wood – Watercolor (paper)

Contact: 817-838-2409 or bjwwatercolor@sbcglobal.net

Thursday

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Instructor: Johnny (Mahto) Hogue – Adult painting class (beginning to advanced, any media)

Contact: johnny8769@yahoo.com

Friday

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Instructor: Bennie J. Wood – Watercolor (paper)

Contact: 817-838-2409 or bjwwatercolor@sbcglobal.net

Saturday

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Instructor: Johnny (Mahto) Hogue – Painting class (beginning to advanced, any media)

Contact: johnny8769@yahoo.com



Visit the Trinity Arts Guild website at www.trinityartsguild.org for more information.

Senior Activity Center

The Bedford Senior Center is located in the Boys Ranch Park at 2817 R.D. Hurt Pkwy, Bedford, TX 76021. The mission is to serve adults 50 and over, individually or in groups. It also provides a warm place where seniors can participate in programs and activities designed to enhance their dignity, support their independence and encourage involvement in the community.



Weekly Schedule

MONDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Ceramics and Billiards
- 1:00 p.m. Beginner Line Dance and Dominoes
- 2:30 p.m. Tai Chi
- 7:00 p.m. Ballroom Dance with Live Band

TUESDAY

- 8:00 a.m. 84 Dominoes, Quilting & Billiards
- 9:00 a.m. Exercise
- 10:00 a.m. Pinochle & Needlecraft
- 12:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge
- 1:00 p.m. Dominoes

WEDNESDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Ceramics & Billiards
- 9:00 a.m. Exercise & China Painting
- 10:00 a.m. Weights
- 1:00 p.m. Line Dance & Dominoes
- 1:30 p.m. Guitar

THURSDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Ceramics, Billiards & Quilting
- 9:00 a.m. Exercise & Chess
- 10:00 a.m. "42" & Pinochle
- 12:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge
- 1:00 p.m. Dominoes

FRIDAY

- 8:00 a.m. 84 Dominoes & Ceramics
- 9:00 a.m. Art Class (All Media)
- 12:00 p.m. Tai Chi
- 1:00 p.m. Dominoes
- 1:30 p.m. Guitar

Exercise Classes

We have multiple opportunities for exercise.

Aerobics

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 a.m.

Tai Chi

Monday at 2:30 p.m. and Friday at 12:00 p.m.

Beginners Line Dance

Monday at 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Intermediate Line Dance

Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

Advanced Line Dance

Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Blood Pressure Check

First Wednesday and third Thursday of every month at 8:30 a.m.

AARP Defensive Driving Class

Every other month.

NARFE

Second Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

Check the "Senior Update" newsletter for other upcoming events.



JOIN US EVERY MONDAY EVENING FOR A DANCE
Bedford Senior Center, 7:00p.m. to 9:30p.m., AGES 50 and up

Yearly membership fees for residents of Bedford are \$5 per year and \$10 per year for nonresidents.

Bedford Boys Ranch Activity Center



B.R.A.C. Membership Information

Here at the BRAC we have facilities to meet your personal fitness needs. We have cardio equipment, weight machines and free weights all designed to help you reach your fitness goals. There are two options for fitness facility memberships. There is the Annual Payment Option, which includes your facility card. There is also the Monthly Payment Option. With that option you must also purchase a facility card. The yearly option gives you a discounted rate. You must purchase a membership to have use of the fitness facilities.

You must be 16 years or older to purchase a fitness membership.

There is a \$5 replacement fee for lost cards.



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<i>Annual Payment Option</i>		<i>Resident</i>	<i>Non-Resident</i>
ADULT	Facility Card Included	\$125	\$200
SENIOR	Facility Card Included	\$80	\$120

New Monthly Payment Options

Annual Facility Card must be purchased to participate in the gymnasium or access the fitness rooms.

<i>Facility Card (Annual Fee)</i>		<i>Resident</i>	<i>Non-Resident</i>
YOUTH		\$10	\$24
ADULT (16 – 54 yrs)		\$24	\$50
SENIOR (55 yrs and Up)		\$18	\$30

<i>Fitness Room Fees (Monthly)</i>		<i>Resident</i>	<i>Non-Resident</i>
Youth 16 and younger not admitted to fitness rooms.			
ADULT (17 – 54 yrs)		\$15	\$20
SENIOR (55 yrs and Up)		\$10	\$15

Daily All Access Fee (Resident & Non-Resident): \$5 per day

Youth 16 and younger not admitted to fitness rooms.

B.R.A.C. Phone Number

Information: 817-952-2323

Hours Of Operation

<i>Monday</i>	7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
<i>Tuesday</i>	7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
<i>Wednesday</i>	7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
<i>Thursday</i>	7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
<i>Friday</i>	7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
<i>Saturday</i>	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
<i>Sunday</i>	10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (weight room only)

Address

Location: 2801 Forest Ridge
Bedford, TX 76021

Have a skill or hobby to share? Want to be an Instructor for the Boys Ranch Activity Center?

Forms can be downloaded: Complete Class Proposal forms can be downloaded by going to www.bedfordtx.gov or emailing eric.valdez@bedordtx.gov

Return your completed forms to the Bedford Boys Ranch Activity Center, and you will be contacted for an interview.

It really is that simple.



Bedford Flyers

Do you have an interest in model airplanes? This club has been meeting for over 25 years every Thursday from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Most participants have been involved in some type of aviation, whether through their careers or by hobby. Models include hand-launched gliders, rubber powered microfilm, rubber, CO2 and electric-powered scale and endurance models. If this sounds like something you would like to be a part of, contact Vic Larsen at mileshawk@comcast.net or call 817-430-1121.

A "Fun Time Live" Saturday Night



- Time:** 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Date: Every Saturday night
(unless noted in the schedule)
Through May 16, 2015
Where: Bedford Boys Ranch Activity Center
Price: Only \$10 at the door

All children in the 3rd through 8th grades (typically 8 yrs to 14 yrs of age) are invited. Studies have shown that this age group has been tabbed as the forgotten age. This program strives to provide the high-energy entertainment kids have come to expect.

Activities & Entertainment:

Calendars are distributed to all of the schools at the beginning of each month.

Inflatable bounce houses and other interactive items at each event

- Live disc jockey (DJ Red) with popular music, fog machine, bubble machine, awesome light show and an incredible sound system
- New games and activities
- Snack bar with candy, soda and pizza
- Sport court with basketball, hula hoop and tug of war

Safety and security are a primary concern, so we maintain an average of 30 kids or less per adult staff member. A uniformed police officer will be present during the program. Recognizing the need for safety and security today, the program requires a child sign-in and adult sign-out. Children cannot leave until a designated adult comes to sign them out.

Contact Information:

This program is managed and supervised by Planet Kidz Inc. For more information, please contact Fun Time Live by calling 817-480-3897.

Electric/RC Airplane models

Do you have, or have you ever been interested in, an electric or RC powered airplane model or helicopter? Then this is the group for you. Meeting directly after the Bedford Flyers group, this group embraces some of the highly technical designs in model aircraft. There are no membership requirements, just a quick registration form with your contact information to inform you of gym closures or announcements. Meeting for over seven years now in our facility, this group meets from 1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. every Thursday. For more information, please contact Rodney Taylor at rodtaylor33@sbcglobal.net or call 817-571-1601.

Personal Touch

These small-group weight training sessions are designed to improve strength and tone muscles. The personalized approach encourages exercise consistency and the attainment of fitness goals. Instructor is a Certified Personal Trainer. For more information contact Ann at 817-715-9890 or email at jazzerannparks@gmail.com



Elite Boot Camp Fitness

Elite Boot Camp Fitness consists of authentic military style workouts based upon simple yet effective fundamental movement patterns executed at high intensity. These workouts deliver time-tested and measurable health and fitness results. We encourage you to push yourself, but we don't harass you.

For positive reinforcement, however, come and enjoy the camaraderie of a non-competitive group workout at Elite Boot Camp Fitness.

For more information about our program, visit: www.elitebootcampfitness.com

Age(s): 16 - Adults

- Session 1: 5 Jan – 24 Jan
- Session 2: 2 Feb – 28 Feb
- Session 3: 9 Mar – 4 Apr
- Session 4: 6 Apr – 2 May
- Session 5: 11 May – 6 Jun

1st Platoon: (Mon., Wed. 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., and Sat. 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.)

2nd Platoon: (Tues., Thu. 5:30 a.m. - 6:30 a.m., and Sat. 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.)

Instructor(s): Robert Johnson and Michelle Brooks

Fee: \$80 per month (4-weeks, 3 days per week, 12 sessions)

Where: Outdoors (indoors for cold below 40, hot above 95, and inclement weather)



CryoTime

3342 Harwood Road, 76021, 817-571-4787

3 Freeze Package for \$72
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RunnersQuilts.com

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817-371-1227

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www.runnersquilts.com



Classic Gymnastics

1309 Brown Trail, 76022, 817-285-7517

Strong Minds. Strong Bodies. Trained for Success

1/2 off Registration Fee (\$17.50 value)
and \$10 off first month of classes (\$65)

For new students only at Classic Gymnastics.

Valid thru 05/02/15 www.classicgymnastics.com



Jazzercise

Burn up to 600 calories in 60 minutes, see real results and have fun doing it. Every 60-minute class includes a gentle warm-up, a 30-minute aerobic workout, muscle toning and strengthening segment and a stretch finale. START ANYTIME! Pick a class, come to the ranch 10-15 minutes early, and register, or sign-up online @ www.jazzercise.com. Your class pass allows you to come to an unlimited number of classes. Wear comfortable clothing that is cool and non-restrictive.

For more information, contact

Ann at 817-715-9890 or email jazzerrannparks@gmail.com

Maureen at 817-577-3692

- Joining Fee: \$35
- Electronic Funds Transfer: \$39/month (EFT)- No Binding Contracts
- Senior EFT (65+): \$36/month
- Walk-Ins: \$15 per class (check or cash)

CLASS SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00 a.m. *					
4:30 p.m.		4:30 p.m.		4:30 p.m.	
5:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.		
6:35 p.m.	6:05 p.m.	6:35 p.m.	6:05 p.m.		

* CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE FOR \$1.00 PER CHILD.



Sun Qi Fitness



Kung Fu Qi-Gong

Qi-Gong is an energy cultivation style. Kung Fu is a high impact form of exercise that includes body tune-up, stretching and art forms. The combined result is an amazing high-energy program that promotes total physical athleticism, self-discipline and wellness. This is one of the best ways for everyone to develop the right skills. Class meets twice per week. Start any time with a Texas Licensed Instructor teaching at this same location for over five years continuously.

TEENS AND ADULTS

Fee: \$80 per session
Instructor: John Valenti
Days: Tuesday and Thursday
Time: 7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. **-Location:** BRAC Meeting Rooms

YOUTH CLASSES

Ages: 6 to 12
Fee: \$75 per session
Instructor: John Valenti
Days: Tuesday and Thursday
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Location: Meeting Rooms

Tai Chi Qi-Gong Wellness

Qi-Gong is an energy cultivation style. Tai Chi is a low-impact form of exercise that includes body tune-up, stretching and art forms. The combined result is an amazing high-energy program that promotes total physical and mental wellness. Great for a mid-day recharge and much more! Seniors welcome! Class meets twice per week. Start any time with a Texas Licensed Instructor teaching at this same location for over five years continuously.

MATURE ADULTS

Fee: \$92 per session
Instructor: John Valenti
Ages: Mature adults
Days: Tuesday and Thursday
Time: 7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
Location: BRAC Meeting Rooms

SESSION 1: January 6 – January 29 SESSION 2: February 3 – February 26 SESSION 3: March 3 – March 31 SESSION 4: April 2 – April 30

CLASSICAL COOKING WITH CHEF MORRIS

FLAVORING WITH HERBS AND SPICES

EXECUTIVE CHEF AT THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL DALLAS NEAR THE GALLERIA

Proceeds will go to "The Elderly and Children Charity Foundation." Learn the most simple techniques about great cooking and presentable food such as shrimp, pork, beef and poultry. The class will focus on the art of sauteing, searing and braising mouth-watering food using ingredients from your local food market. Limited seating, 30 students per class. Students will be able to sample all foods during the cooking class, you will get to appreciate the value, passion and love for fine food like never before.

WHERE: Bedford Boys Ranch Activity Center

AGE: 7+

DATES: Jan 26, Mar 30, May 25

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

COST: 7 - 18 years old \$18
19 - 64 years old \$25
65+ \$20



Happy Movements Yoga for Seniors 55+ years

Want to try yoga but can't find a class that's right for you? Join this unique class that combines yoga with therapeutic exercises. Specifically designed for people 55 years and older, it honors the changes in the body as you age. Explore gentle, non-traditional and traditional yoga postures, learn proper breathing techniques and discover the power of meditation.

No previous yoga experience required, but you must be able to get on and off the floor. Please bring yoga mat. Register for Monday morning class, Thursday evening class or both. Visit HappyMovements.com for more information.

Fee: \$54 (1 class/week)
Ages: 55 and up
Instructor: Natasha Carter, LAT, ATC, PYT-C
Days: Mondays
Time: 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.
Location: Bedford Boys Ranch
Session 1: January 5 – February 9
Session 2: February 23 – April 6
Session 3: April 20 – May 25

Fee: \$54 (1 class/week)
Ages: 55 and up
Instructor: Natasha Carter, LAT, ATC, PYT-C
Days: Thursdays
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Location: Bedford Boys Ranch
Session 1: January 8 – February 12
Session 2: February 26 – April 9
Session 3: April 23 – May 28

Fee: \$87 (2 classes/week)
Ages: 55 and up
Instructor: Natasha Carter, LAT, ATC, PYT-C
Days/Time: Mondays 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and Thursdays 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Location: Bedford Boys Ranch
Session 1: January 5 – February 12
Session 2: February 23 – April 9
Session 3: April 20 – May 28

Puppy Kindergarten Workshop

This four-week class covers all things puppy! In this class we work on all the early development skills your young puppy needs to grow up into a well-adjusted adult dog as well as all the basic obedience commands. This is an investment in your puppy's future!! Puppies 12 weeks to eight months are encouraged to join.

Fee: \$95
Ages: Adult must accompany children
Instructor: Anne O'Neill – Specialty Pet Training
Days: Weekday Evenings
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Location: Boys Ranch Activity Center

Session 1: January 12 – February 2
Session 2: March 30 – April 20

Basic Manners Workshop

This four-week class is a great workshop if you are just starting out with training or looking to take things to the next level. We will focus on the basic commands: Sit, Stay, Coming when Called and Leash Walking as well as problem behaviors such as pulling on the leash and not jumping up. (No aggressive dogs allowed.)

Fee: \$95 per dog/human team
Ages: Adult must accompany children
Instructor: Anne O'Neill – Specialty Pet Training
Days: Weekday Evenings
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Location: Boys Ranch Activity Center

Session 1: February 17 – March 10
Session 2: April 27 – May 18



Private Guitar/Bass Guitar/Cello Lessons

Come to the BRAC for private guitar/bass guitar/cello lessons with an experienced instructor. Jerry Rizzi has been a private music instructor for over 20 years. He earned a scholarship to Hofstra University playing cello in his earlier years. Since then he has gone on to study bass guitar and guitar with noted musicians such as Jimmy Garrison, Joseph Monk, and John Coltrane. Mr. Rizzi has three CDs and is currently working on his next one. Contact the Boys Ranch Activity Center at 817-952-2323 to set up private lessons today.

Dance As A Star

Line Dance Style

Enjoy dancing the latest party line dances such as the Cupid Shuffle, the Electric Slide, The Cha Cha Slide along with Ms. Jody's Thang among others! It's so much fun learning new line dances every week. It's a great workout and a nice way to meet new friends.

Fee: \$75/singles
\$125/couple
per 8-week session

Ages: 14 & up

Dates: Feb 2 – Mar 23

Instructor: Cyndi Dorber

Days: Mon. evening

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Bedford Boys Ranch

Ballroom Style

Whether it's a foxtrot, waltz, swing or salsa, you can turn heads while you spin your partner to the beat. It's so exciting to be the hit at your next party because you know how to dance! No more sitting and watching and wishing you knew how... you are taking the class. It's fun and exhilarating.

Fee: \$75/singles
\$125/couple
per 8-week session

Ages: 14 & up

Dates: Feb 2 – Mar 23

Instructor: Cyndi Dorber

Days: Mon. evening

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Bedford Boys Ranch

Country Western Style

Two Step your way across the floor with spins and turns that will turn heads! Learn how to lead and follow dance combinations that are simple yet impressive! We'll add some country waltz and country swing so you can dance all night. It's great fun and great exercise! There are plenty of country night clubs where you can use all that you learn! Be ready and show off your stuff!

Fee: \$75/singles
\$125/couple
per 8-week session

Ages: 14 & up

Dates: Feb 2 – Mar 23

Instructor: Cyndi Dorber

Days: Mon. evening

Time: 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Location: Bedford Boys Ranch

Jazz and Hip-Hop Dance Class

Students will learn the basics of jazz and hip-hop technique and style. Students will learn how to stretch properly, learn canter floor combinations, turns and work two dance routines.

Dancers should wear black jazz shoes or sneakers along with dance wear or comfortable street clothes.

Ages: (6-12 yrs.)

Days: Monday

Times: 7:00 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

Fees: \$40

Session 1: Jan 7, 14, 21, & 28

Session 2: Feb 4, 11, 18, 25

Session 3: Mar 4, 11, 18, 25

Session 4: Apr 1, 8, 15, 22

Session 5: May 6, 13, 20, 27

Jo-Ann's Little Dancers

Ballet & Tap

Students will develop rhythm, poise and coordination while learning the fundamentals of ballet and tap. This class will create group interaction skills and support your child's self esteem and positive image. Ballet shoes, tap shoes, leotards and tights are required for all dance classes.

Ages: 3 - 5 years

Days/Times: Mondays at 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m - 10:45 a.m.
Wednesdays at 4:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.- 6:15 p.m.

Session 1: Jan 7, 14, 21, & 28

Session 2: Feb 4, 11, 18, 25

Session 3: Mar 4, 11, 18, 25

Session 4: Apr 1, 8, 15, 22

Session 5: May 6, 13, 20, 27

Ages: 6 - 12 years

Days/Times: Monday's at 6:15-7:00 p.m.
at 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

Fees: \$40



* "Jo-Ann's Little Dancers" dance classes are progressive, with a formal Spring recital in May. Additional fees may apply.

You Can Paint

For Adults

Even if you've never held a brush or can't draw a straight line, you'll be amazed at the beautiful oil painting you can complete in one fun and easy lesson with all supplies furnished. Learn composition, perspective, color mixing, simple time-saving techniques and much more with professional artists Susan & Robert Garden. Different subject at each class is finished and worthy of framing. All supplies are provided for your convenience. Bring paper towels and wear old t-shirt.

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January 21,

"Winter White Birch Trees"

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February 25, "Big Kahuna Wave in Hawaii with Surfer"

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March 25, "Twin Peak in the Clouds with Palette Knife"

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April 29, "Northern Lights of Alaska on Black Canvas"

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May 20, "Bluebonnet Landscape with a Palette Knife"

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Time:

6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

Instructor(s):

Susan Rogers Garden or Robert Garden

Fee:

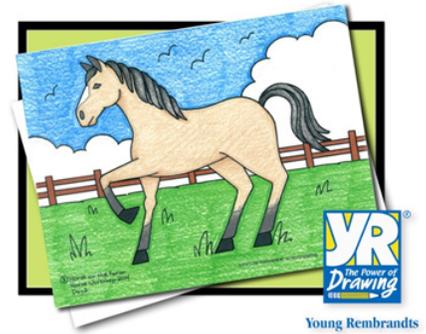
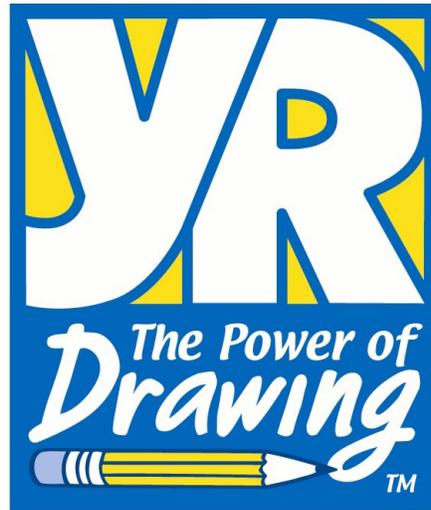
\$20 per class and \$20 supply fee to instructor at class

Ages:

12 yrs & up

Location:

Bedford Boys Ranch



Young Rembrandts Drawing Classes

Start 2014 off with a bang! Young Rembrandts students will flex their creative muscle as they take on artistic challenges like our Still Life Backpack and Sporty Snowboarder lesson. Students will master perspective and personality as they complete a challenging Palm Tree Scene, cute Penguins and their own version of Grant Wood's American Gothic. Then get ready for a mix of elegance and graphic style drawings as students complete a Graceful Swan and Wise Owl. There's no better way to shake the winter blues.... Sign up today.

Fee: \$46 per session

Ages: 5 - 12

Instructor: Young Rembrandts Staff

Days: Monday afternoons

Time: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Location: Bedford Boys Ranch

Session 1: January 5 - January 26

Session 2: February 2 - February 23

Session 3: March 2 - March 23

Session 4: April 6 - April 27



Colors to Cocktails
Sip & Paint Art Studio
2816 Central Drive, Suite 140, 76021, 817-283-0464

Private Party Deal

Book your private event at Bedford's art studio!
\$28 per person*; minimum participants required: 12. Canvas size 11x14 or 12x12 and selected paintings only. Perfect venue for: birthday parties, family gatherings, team-building events, office gatherings, book clubs, church groups, bachelorette parties & many more! Email us to coordinate at: studiomanager@colorstococktails.com Times & dates are subject to availability. See our online calendar to book your date at: www.colorstococktails.com (*Reg. \$40 per person)



The Children's Courtyard
2800 Central Drive, 76021, 817-545-2290

Free Registration

Free Registration on all new enrollments.
Ages 6 Weeks-12 Years.
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www.childrenscourtyard.com/3011

2015 Spring Adult Athletic Schedule



Adult Co-Ed Softball League

Entry Fee: \$300
Season: 8 games
Registration: Now - February 23
Coach's Meeting: Wednesday, February 25 - 7:30 p.m.
 Boys Ranch Activity Center
League Night: Friday
League Begins: March 6, 2015
Game Location: Meadowpark
 Athletic Complex

Co-Ed Kickball League

Entry Fee: \$200.00
Season: 8 games
Registration: Now - February 21
Coach's Meeting: Monday, February 23 - 7:30 p.m.
 Boys Ranch Activity Center
League Night: Monday
League Begins: March 2, 2015
Game Location: Meadowpark
 Athletic Complex



"Mini Ballers" Basketball Program

The OTG ELITE SPORTS CLUB "Mini Ballers" basketball program is designed for players to learn the basic fundamentals of ball handling, shooting, and footwork.

Fee: \$50 per every 4 training sessions;
 \$15 single session drop-in class
Ages: Kids 4 yrs. old through 6 yrs. old
Instructor: OTG ELITE SPORTS CLUB
 Staff
Days: Every Monday
Time: 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Location: Bedford Boys Ranch

Select Teams Basketball Program

The OTG ELITE SPORTS CLUB Select Teams basketball program is designed to provide opportunities for student athletes to become official CLUB members and compete on a competitive OTG Select Team. The CLUB will use sports as a tool to foster both the individual and collective dreams of all club members.

Fee: Divided by members per team.
 Contact OTG Admin michaelsturns@otgelitesports.com
Ages: Kids 7 yrs. old through 18 yrs. old
Instructor: OTG ELITE SPORTS CLUB
 Staff
Days: Team Practices and Group Training will be every Saturday and Sunday
Time: Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. , 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. , 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Sundays, 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. , 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. , 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Location: Bedford Boys Ranch

PERFORMANCE Basketball

The OTG ELITE SPORTS CLUB PERFORMANCE basketball program is designed for Pro-Style player development. Players will be learning the basic and advanced fundamentals in ball handling, shooting and footwork that are needed to thrive at each level of basketball. The program is tailor-made for the beginner, the novice or the expert levels of players so all are welcome to join.

Fee: \$50 per every 4 training sessions;
 \$15 single session drop-in class
Ages: Kids 7 yrs. old through 18 yrs. old
Instructor: OTG ELITE SPORTS CLUB
 Staff
Days: Every Tuesday and Thursday
Time: Ages 7 -12, 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. /
 Ages 13 -18, 7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Location: Bedford Boys Ranch

Bowmen Sports

Beginner Basketball

Ages 4-5

Saturdays

Beginner basketball class designed for players learning the game. Program time will focus on dribbling, passing, shooting and rebounding. This fun-based class is a great introduction to the game of basketball! We utilize drills and games to reinforce skills being taught. Groups divided based on ages. Please wear gym shoes.

Jan 10, 17, 24, 31	\$40	11:00 -12:00 p.m.
Feb 7, 14, 21, 28	\$40	11:00 -12:00 p.m.
March 7, 14, 21, 28	\$40	11:00 -12:00 p.m.
April 4, 11, 18, 25	\$40	11:00 -12:00 p.m.
May 2, 9, 16, 23	\$40	11:00 -12:00 p.m.

Basketball Tech

Ages 6-12

Saturdays

A super-fun clinic designed for players of all skills and abilities. Program time will focus on dribbling, passing, shooting and rebounding. This is a skills-based program which utilizes drills and games to reinforce skills being taught. Part of each class time will be used for game scrimmages. Groups divided based on ages. Please wear gym shoes.

Jan 10, 17, 24, 31	\$40	12:00-1:00 p.m.
Feb 7, 14, 21, 28	\$40	12:00-1:00 p.m.
March 7, 14, 21, 28	\$40	12:00-1:00 p.m.
April 4, 11, 18, 25	\$40	12:00-1:00 p.m.
May 2, 9, 16, 23	\$40	12:00-1:00 p.m.

Rookies

Ages 4-6

Tuesdays

Rookies is a 60 minute class designed just for younger players! This class includes many of the favorite games, sports and drills that our older class has, just for younger players. Class includes a dynamic warm-up and stretch, agility and strength movements. In addition to basketball, soccer and t-ball, we play kickball, wall ball and capture the flag.

Jan 8, 15, 22, 29	\$40	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Feb 5, 12, 19, 26	\$40	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
March 5, 19, 26	\$30	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	\$50	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
May 7, 14, 21, 28	\$40	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Homeschool PE

Ages 6-13

Tuesdays

PE 101 is a 90-minute class that allows students to explore many sports in a short time. Each class begins with a dynamic warm-up and stretch. We rotate through agility stations and drills. Each unit of study includes sport-specific drills and games, including rules of the game, strategy and the fundamentals required to play. We also enjoy fun classic games like kickball, dodgeball, whiffleball and capture the flag in addition to running a 1 mile test and learning body weight strength training.

Jan 8, 15, 22, 29	\$40	10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
Feb 5, 12, 19, 26	\$40	10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
March 5, 19, 26	\$30	10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	\$50	10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
May 7, 14, 21, 28	\$40	10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Spring Break Basketball Camp

Ages 6-12

Monday to Thursday

Spring Break Basketball Camp is open to all elementary basketball players! It is a super-fun clinic designed for players of all skills and abilities. Program time focuses on dribbling, passing, shooting and rebounding. This is a skills-based program which utilizes drills and games to reinforce skills being taught. Part of each class time will be used for game scrimmages and tournament games. Bring a snack, water and gym shoes.

March 9-12	\$65	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
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Spring Break Dodgeball Camp

Ages 6-12

Monday to Thursday

This ultra-popular program includes 20 different versions of Dodgeball. We set up situations and drills for maximum fun. All games are played with special safer dodgeballs so the fun doesn't have to hurt; no rubber playground balls are used. May also include capture the flag, kickball and other classic games. Bring a snack, water and gym shoes.

March 9-12	\$65	1:00-4:00 p.m.
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Friday Night Dodgeball

Grades 3-5

Fridays

Welcome to the Friday Night Dodgeball League! We exist to bring excitement and fun to Friday nights. Join us this summer for tournament league play. Each time we meet, we divide up into new teams and the tournament play begins! FUN is guaranteed!

Call for specific dates	\$65	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
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How to register for classes at the Boys Ranch Activity Center



Do you see any classes that are of interest to you? Now you can register for classes online.

For more information or to register: Visit www.bedfordfun.com or call us at 817-952-2323.



2015 Winter/Spring Tennis Program



Fort Worth resident and Bedford Boys Ranch Director of Tennis Val Wilder has returned from recent National tournaments with two victories. In September he won the National Men's 55 Grass Courts at the prestigious West Side Tennis Club in Forest Hills, NY. Never losing a set, he cruised through to the finals where he defeated Jeff Davis of Treasure Island, Florida. He then defeated Bill Godfrey of Ann Arbor, Michigan, in the finals, 6-1, 6-1.

On October 12, he became the number one player in the USA by winning the National Men's 55 Clay Court Championships by defeating top-seeded and recent ITF World Championships finalist Dan Waldman from Washington, D.C., 5-7, 6-3, 6-1. In the semi-finals he defeated number one ranked Mike Tammen of Portland, OR. 6-4, 6-7, 6-4. The finals was another 3 1/2 hour battle with Wilder coming out on top again, 6-4, 0-6, 6-4, defeating Mike Fedderly of Palm Desert, CA. He also got to the finals of the 55 National Indoor Championships in Boise, Idaho, in June, losing to Mike Tammen of Portland, Oregon. The combination of one finals and two wins should again put him on the National Team, which represents the United States in the World Championships next year in Antalya, Turkey, in April.

QUICK START

Quick Start is great for young children to really get familiarized with the game of tennis. They will learn basic stroke production, proper movement and play games. A GREAT way to start and get excited about tennis.

ADVANCED BEGINNERS/INTERMEDIATES

This program is designed for Elementary, Junior High and High School students who already have a basic knowledge of the game. They will learn advanced strokes, strategies and spin. There will also be some conditioning and Match Play.

JUNIOR VARSITY AND VARSITY

In this program, you will learn advanced strategy practice conditioning and agility skills, as well as Match Play. This program is designed as a lead into tournament play. Students will be educated and informed about all information regarding tournament rules and regulations.

ADULTS

Tennis instruction including proper grips, footwork and conventional techniques for groundstrokes, net play and serves will be introduced. You will learn basic court positioning and how to keep score in a tennis match.

	QUICK START	ADV BEG INTERMEDIATE	JV / VARSITY	ADULTS
<i>Days</i>	Tuesdays/Thursdays	Tuesdays/Thursdays	Tuesdays/Thursdays	Tuesdays/Thursdays
<i>Session 1</i>	Jan 20 – Feb 12	Jan 20 – Feb 12	Jan 20 – Feb 12	Jan 20 – Feb 12
<i>Session 2</i>	Feb 24 – March 19	Feb 24 – March 19	Feb 24 – March 19	Feb 24 – March 19
<i>Session 3</i>	March 31 – April 23	March 31 – April 23	March 31 – April 23	March 31 – April 23
<i>Time</i>	4:45-5:30 p.m.	5:30-7:00 p.m.	5:30-7:00 p.m.	7:00-8:30 p.m.
<i>Price</i>	\$98 \$49 for once a week	\$144 \$72 for once a week only	\$144 \$72 for once a week only	\$144 \$72 for once a week only
<i>Days</i>	Saturdays	Saturdays		Saturdays
<i>Session 1</i>	Jan 24 – Feb 14	Jan 24 – Feb 14		Jan 24 – Feb 14
<i>Session 2</i>	Feb 28 – Mar 21	Feb 28 – Mar 21		Feb 28 – Mar 21
<i>Session 3</i>	April 4 – April 25	April 4 – April 25		April 4 – April 25
<i>Time</i>	12:00-1:30 p.m.	1:30-3:00 p.m.		3:00-4:30 p.m.
<i>Price</i>	\$72	\$72		\$72



Babysitting Course

This in-person course offers hands-on skills, practice and additional training in first aid with Pediatric First Aid/CPR. In class, you learn how to: respond to emergencies with first aid; perform rescue breathing; making good decisions under pressure; communicate effectively with parents; recognize safety and hygiene issues; manage young children; feed, diaper and care for infants; and start your babysitting business. There will be a 30-minute break for lunch. Please provide your own lunch, snacks and drinks.

Fee:	\$60
Ages:	11-15
Instructor:	ARC Instructor
Sessions 1:	Saturday, February 21
Sessions 2:	Saturday, March 21
Sessions 3:	Saturday, April 25
Time:	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location:	Boys Ranch Activity Center

American Red Cross



First Aid/CPR/AED

Would you know what to do in a cardiac, breathing or first-aid emergency? The right answer could help you save a life. With an emphasis on hands-on learning, our First Aid/CPR/AED course gives you the skills to save a life. First Aid: Learn how to respond to common first-aid emergencies, including burns, cuts, head, neck and back injuries and more. CPR/AED: Learn how to respond to cardiac and breathing emergencies including the use of automated external defibrillators (AED).

Fee:	\$65
Ages:	13 and up
Instructor:	ARC Instructor
Session 1:	Saturday, January 17
Session 2:	Saturday, February 14
Session 3:	Saturday, March 14
Session 4:	Saturday, April 11
Time:	12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Location:	Boys Ranch Activity Center



Pet First Aid

Learn how to respond to health emergencies and provide basic first aid for the four-legged members of your family. Practice and preparation will help you be calm and effective in an emergency, protecting you and your animal from further injury or suffering. This course will cover information relating to understanding basic pet owner responsibilities; administering medicine; managing breathing and cardiac emergencies; managing urgent care situations; treating wounds; treating electrical shock; caring for eye, foot and ear injuries and preparing for disasters. *Please do not actually bring your pets to class.

Fee:	\$30
Instructor:	ARC Instructor
Session 1:	Saturday, January 17
Session 2:	Saturday, February 14
Session 3:	Saturday, March 14
Session 4:	Saturday, April 11
Times:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Location:	Boys Ranch Activity Center

Certified Pool/Spa Operator (CPO) Course

The CPO course is a national certification course through the National Swimming Pool Foundation. This is an intensive course which includes topics in safety, code compliance, filtration, circulation, water chemistry, pool management and other important topics.

The CPO course will help any pool operator do a more complete and professional job by helping to gain a complete understanding of swimming pool operation. You must show a picture ID at the end of the course for the “open book” exam.

This certification is valid for five years. You must register at least seven days in advance to be considered for this course.

Fee:	\$250
Instructor:	Paul David Morgan
Session 1:	Tuesday-Wednesday, March 24-25
Session 2:	Tuesday-Wednesday, April 21-22
Session 3:	Tuesday-Wednesday, May 12-13
Time:	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location:	Boys Ranch Activity Center

SPECIAL EVENTS



Boys Ranch Family Campout

Join us for a night filled with great family activities as we camp-out at Boys Ranch Park. Pack your tent and a sleeping bag and head on down to enjoy camping out in Bedford. The night will include dinner, a movie under the stars, sleeping bag story time and s'mores.

Pre-registration is required. Deadline to register is March 11, 2014.

<i>Age(s):</i>	2 to Adult
<i>Date:</i>	Friday, March 13
<i>Time:</i>	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 a.m.
<i>Instructor(s):</i>	BRAC Staff
<i>Resident Fee:</i>	\$40 per family of 4 \$5 for each additional person
<i>Non-resident Fee:</i>	\$45 per family of 4 \$5 for each additional person



Spring Break Camp

The Boys Ranch Activity Center will host a Spring Break Camp open to ages 6-12 March 11-15. The camp hours will be from 7:00 a.m - 6:00 p.m. Activities will vary from age-specific arts and crafts, outdoor games and activities, sports, indoor games and activities. Snacks will be provided. Please be sure to pack a lunch for your child.

<i>Age(s):</i>	6-12 years
<i>Date</i>	March 9 - 13
<i>Time:</i>	7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
<i>Instructor:</i>	BRAC Staff
<i>Resident Fees:</i>	\$100
<i>Non-resident Fees:</i>	\$105



Easter Egg Celebration

Bring your family and join your neighbors and friends! Pre-registration is required. \$5 per child. Registration fee includes an arts & craft project, a picture with the Easter Bunny, a snack and an Easter Egg Hunt that will include over 8,500 eggs! Areas will be marked off for different age groups. For more information, please call 817-952-2323.

<i>Ages</i>	10 and under
<i>Date:</i>	March 28
<i>Time:</i>	10:00 a.m.
<i>Location:</i>	Splash Parking Lot
<i>Fee:</i>	\$5 per child



Valentine's Dance

Father/Daughter- Mother/Son

Come join us for an evening of fun and dancing at the 16th annual Valentine's Dance! The cost is **\$18 per couple**, or **\$10 per person**. Fee includes dance admission, refreshments, a flower and picture to commemorate the special occasion. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Boys Ranch Activity Center by February 2. Tickets may NOT be purchased at the door. For more information, please call the Boys Ranch Activity Center at 817-952-2323.

Date: February 7
Time: 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Location: Boys Ranch Activity Center

Bedford Summer Day Camp

If you're looking for a great camp for your kids this summer, look no further. Bedford Summer Day Camp is a week-long day camp loaded with exciting indoor/outdoor adventure and lots of hands-on learning for ages 6-12 years. Camp is open from 7:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. daily, with structured activities each day between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Camp fee is \$100 per camper per week plus a \$50 application fee per camper, \$25 for each additional child per family. Full payment is due at time of registration. Additional registration information will be in the summer 2015 Bedford Connection.



30TH ONSTAGE IN BEDFORD

ANNIVERSARY SEASON

RUMORS



BY NEIL SIMON

JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 15, 2015

THE MARVELOUS WONDERETTES



CREATED BY ROGER BEAN

MARCH 20 - APRIL 12, 2015

THE BOYS NEXT DOOR



BY TOM GRIFFIN

MAY 15 - 31, 2015

ALMOST, MAINE



BY JOHN CARIANI

JUNE 26 - JULY 12, 2015

THE HOUSE OF BLUE LEAVES



BY JOHN GUARE

AUGUST 14 - 30, 2015

COMPANY



MUSIC & LYRICS BY STEPHEN SONDHEIM
BOOK BY GEORGE FURTH

OCTOBER 2 - 25, 2015

THE DAUGHTER OF ST. NICHOLAS



BY LINDA DAUGHERTY

DECEMBER 4 - 20, 2015

Fridays
Saturdays
8:00 pm

Sundays
3:00 pm

RATINGS
Rumors - PG 13
Marvelous Wonderettes - PG
The Boys Next Door - PG 13
Almost, Maine - PG
House of Blue Leaves - PG 13
Company - R*
The Daughter of St. Nicholas - G

**Company contains strong language and adult situations*

TIX: onstageinbedford.com
or RSVP at **817.354.6444**





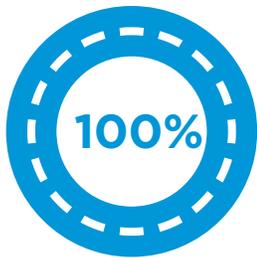
CITY OF BEDFORD

Discover the Center



DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

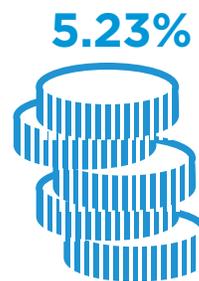
HIGHLIGHTS



Highway expansion
100% complete



89 new business Certificates
of Occupancy issued



Sales tax revenue up
about 5.23% for Fiscal
Year 2013/2014



27 New single-family home
permits issued for two new
housing sub-divisions



The Vision for Central Bedford was developed and unanimously approved for action by the Mayor and City Council. The vision will serve as an action plan to promote central Bedford, guide future development decisions and encourage economic activity with a set of short-and long-term strategic actions. For more information, or to view the zoning standards and the Public Meeting presentation, please visit the "Bedford Commons" tab on the home page of the City of Bedford website www.bedfordtx.gov.

SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

- Mexican Inn Café – Previously displaced by highway construction, Mexican Inn built and opened a new 5,200SF restaurant in the same Bedford location as their previous building, 1400 Airport Freeway.
- Gene A. Buinger Career & Technical Education Academy – 1849 Central Drive (SW corner of Central Drive and SH183) opened to students at the start of the 2013/14 school year. This 160,000SF facility will accommodate over 1,000 students daily.
- HEB Cancer Center – This 39,250SF facility is nearing completion of construction. In the heart of Bedford's Medical District, this center is located at 1609 Hospital Parkway and is scheduled to open in December 2014.
- Bedford Central Plaza – Construction on a new 8,000SF inline retail shopping center is nearing completion. Located at 2212 Central Drive, this shopping center will provide several new lease options for Bedford retail sales.
- O'Reilly Auto Parts – Demolition of the previous inline retail center at 2824 Central Drive is complete, and site work has begun on the new O'Reilly Auto Parts store to be constructed at this location.
- Bedford Square – A new neighborhood of 40 single-family homes being built by Megatel is being constructed on 8 acres of previously undeveloped land at 3901 Central Drive near the intersection with Cheek Sparger.
- Sanders Place – A new neighborhood of 13 single-family homes being built by Graham Hart is being constructed on 7 acres of previously undeveloped land at 2709 Murphy Drive, between Harwood and Bedford Road.

COMING SOON!

- HEB ICU Expansion – Four-story building expansion of HEB Hospital within the HEB Hospital campus. The 50,680SF expansion will be utilized for parking on the ground floor and three stories for expansion of the hospital's Intensive Care Unit (ICU).
- Meridian Skilled Nursing Facility – New 52,020SF facility will soon be constructed on six undeveloped acres in the Bedford Forum area, currently undeveloped green space.
- Bedford Dialysis Center – Construction will soon begin on a new dialysis center at 725 North Industrial Boulevard, north of Bedford Road and west of Industrial Boulevard.
- Adam Smith's Texas Harley-Davidson – Recently broke ground on what is soon to be one of the largest Harley-Davidson dealerships in the nation. The six-acre site on Shoalmont Drive will be home to the new 70,000SF Texas Harley flagship store.
- Avalon Place – New housing development of 22 single family homes being built by Graham Hart will be constructed on approximately four acres of land on Bedford Road just east of Central Drive.
- Taco Bell – Relocating their SH121 restaurant to 3351 Harwood Road (next to Jack-In-The-Box). This location is currently an undeveloped green field surrounded by commercial development.

SF = square foot

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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OCCUPANCY RATES

RETAIL

Existing Rentable Building Area	2,606,911
Vacant Available	295,353
Vacancy rate	11.3%

OFFICE

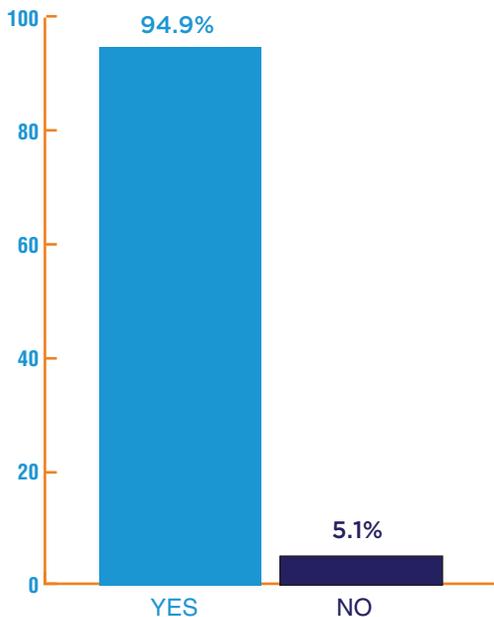
Existing Rentable Building Area	2,498,142
Vacant available	422,685
Vacancy rate	16.9%

SIGNIFICANT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

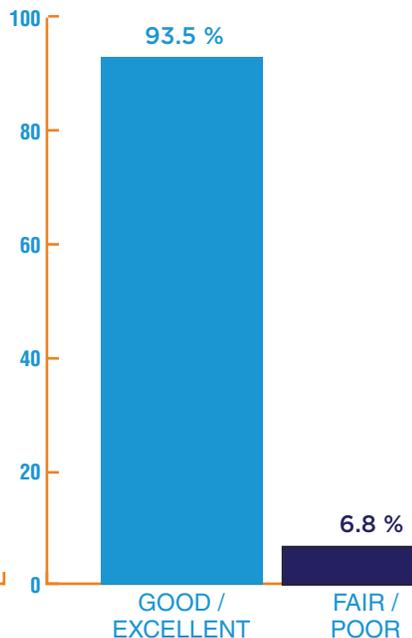
- Texas Industries (TXI) – Corporate sales and dispatch division relocated into the former Bedford Public Library at 1805 L Don Dodson. TXI is a leading supplier of cement, aggregate and consumer product building materials.
- Mac Churchill Automall – Premier pre-owned vehicle sales franchise purchased, refurbished and opened in the former Park Place Mercedes dealership, 3737 Airport Freeway.
- Movie Tavern – Movie Tavern is in the process of improving the former grocery store space in the Shops at Central Park Shopping Center to accommodate the expansion of this location to become their national flagship store.
- The Clubhouse for Special Needs – Renovated and is now occupying a former daycare facility, vacant for nearly a decade, located at 1308 Harwood Road.
- Elite Ortho and Spine Surgery Center – Refurbished and opened in the former Brown Hand Center location at 1605 Airport Freeway.
- Cisco Jack’s Mexican Grill – Refurbished and opened in the former Duke’s Roadhouse location at 2250 Airport Freeway, the Shops at Central Park.
- Novak Motors – Located at 1320 Tennis Drive is repurposing a three acre parcel containing a former health club and open space into a corporate headquarters and vehicle lot for a division of their company, Calvert Family Holdings.
- Hwy 55 Burgers, Shakes & Fries – Refurbished the former Le Peep breakfast restaurant at 2113 Harwood Road in the Harwood Central Village shopping center, and opened for business in October.
- Jet’s Pizza – Based in Sterling Heights, Michigan, and currently the twelfth largest pizza chain in the nation with over 300 locations nationwide, recently renovated a vacant lease space at 2248 Central Drive and opened for business.

CITIZEN SURVEY REPORT

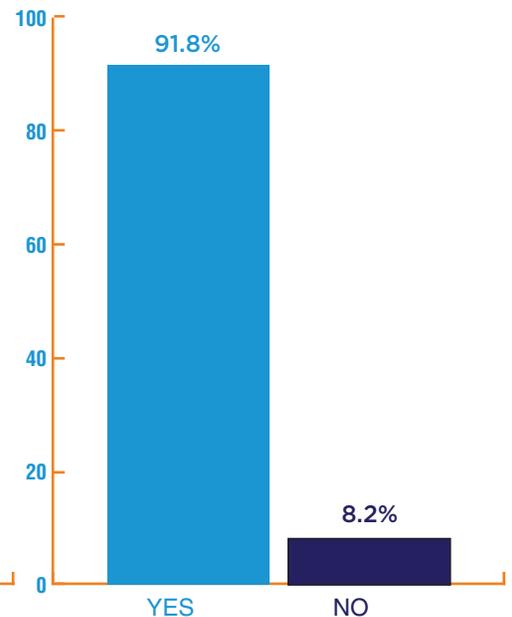
RECOMMEND BEDFORD AS A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE



RATE QUALITY OF LIFE IN BEDFORD



PLAN ON REMAINING IN BEDFORD





AQUATICS DIVISION

This last season witnessed some excellent growth in both programs offered and our operations in the Aquatics Division.

- Concessions produced some record revenue, due to:
 - Installing a soda machine
 - Changes in other menu options
 - Customer service training
- Implementation of a Special Needs Day at Bedford Splash for families and children.

	<i>FY 2013</i>	<i>FY 2014</i>	<i>Difference</i>
Swim Lessons Participants	211	252	+19%
Water Exercise Participants	313	364	+16%
Concessions Revenue	\$43,473	\$46,422	+7%

PARKS AND RECREATION

- The Boys Ranch Park saw a significant increase in Summer Camp Revenue. The summer camp was able to accommodate an extra 40 kids per week, which turned into an additional 707 registrations, leading to an extra \$48,105 in camp revenue.
- The Parks and Recreation Division made it a priority to brand the department in order to increase awareness in the community.
- Some of the initiatives included the implementation of the Fun Utility Vehicle, which allowed us to promote at various special events.
- Staff also created a new website (<http://www.bedfordfun.com>) as a landing page to promote other City of Bedford recreational-specific websites and activities such as online registration, Facebook, event information, Google 360 facility tour, etc.
- Completed Phase II of the Bark Park by adding shade features, completing the fence and installing several dog obstacles.
- Began the Bedford Trails Extension Project to link Meadow Park through to Forest Ridge Drive.

	<i>FY 2013</i>	<i>FY 2014</i>	<i>Difference</i>
Total Program Registrants	3,687	3,990	+ 8.2%
Total Memberships	1,481	1,630	+ 10%
Summer Camp Registrants	1,702	2,409	+ 42%
Recreation Revenue	\$374,472	\$430,655	+ 15%



PUBLIC WORKS

Water

- Distributed an average daily water consumption of 7.1 million gallons per day for FY 2013/2014, compared to 7.5 million gallons per day for FY 2012/2013
- Replacement of 9,296 linear feet of water main lines
- Performed 372 fire hydrant preventive maintenance operations
- Processed 15,618 work orders
- Repaired 46 water main breaks
- Repaired 151 meter leaks
- Installed 274 new water meters
- Exercised 772 water valves of which 189 were repaired or replaced
- Responded to 4,162 customer service requests to date
- Completed 4,433 utility line locates
- Submitted 735 monthly water samples for water quality
- Responded to 2,188 requests to turn water on or off for private repairs
- Repaired 74 fire hydrants

Traffic

- Replaced 1,300 various signs
- Performed traffic counts at 687 various locations
- Repaired four signal locations caused by automobile accidents
- Assisted NTE in the installation of signs for the new expressway
- Installed new pedestrian crossing station to conform with Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation Specifications at Forest Ridge Drive and Schumac Lane

Storm Water

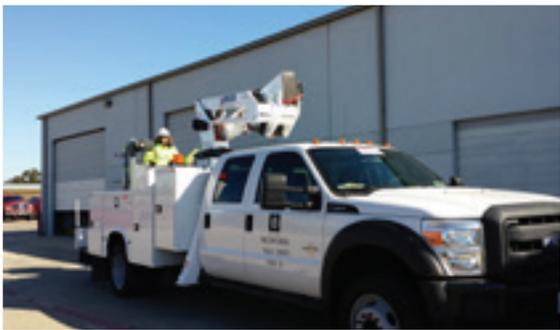
- Performed monthly maintenance and rodent control on 92 miles of drainage channels
- Treated 14 creek channels and nine other drainage locations monthly for mosquitoes
- Collected five mosquito pool samples per week for Tarrant County Public Health

Streets

- Replaced 5,175 square feet of concrete sidewalk
- Completed a 2" mill overlay on Cummings Drive from State Highway 121 Access Road to Industrial Boulevard
- Completed a 2" mill overlay on Martin Drive from Park Avenue to Harwood Road
- Completed asphalt street repairs totaling over 2,300 square yards
- Applied crack sealant on approximately 100,000 linear feet of asphalt pavement
- Improved five ADA curb ramps to conform to Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation Specifications
- New sidewalk and ADA ramp installation on Forest Ridge Drive at Rankin Drive

Wastewater

- Cleaned over 231,758 feet of sewer mains
- Completed over 576 sewer manhole inspections
- Completed 15 sewer manhole repairs
- Completed 82 TV inspections for 27,914 feet of sewer mains
- Responded to 259 sewer backup calls, of which 50 were in the City's sewer main line
- Completed nine sewer main repairs



Fleet

- Completed 493 preventive maintenance repairs and 831 unscheduled repairs on City-owned vehicles and equipment
- Prepared the 2013 Clean Fleet Report and submitted it to North Central Texas Council of Governments
- Transported 163 vehicles for yearly State inspections
- Fabricated equipment boxes, trailer floors, truck accessories, various tools and special modifications to units as needed
- Maintained fire extinguisher program for City vehicles and equipment
- Reduced washer fluid cost from an average of \$2.30 per gallon to \$ 0.90 per gallon
- Negotiated an agreement for free tire disposal, saving an average of \$3.00 per tire

Engineering

- Completed 427 work orders.
- Inspected utility conflicts on the freeway, ten ongoing capital improvement projects, right-of-way permits and new construction.

Environmental

- Issued 235 grease/grit trap permits and backflow registrations
- Complied with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality yearly requirements for Sanitary Sewer Overflow Initiative
- Served over 142 people who attended the five landscape/irrigation classes conducted by Texas AgriLife
- Forty-six 55-gallon rain barrels were constructed by residents
- Collaborated with Tarrant Regional Water District to offer the WISE Guys irrigation system evaluations to residents
- Provided the Waterwise program for 404 students in the H.E.B. Independent School District
- The program included hands-on activities and projects for water conservation
- Completed education outreach to 1,470 school children on mosquito awareness

Fire Marshall Office Activity

	FY 2013	FY 2014
Plan Review	140	190
Permits Issued	93	120
Fire Investigations	96	41
Citations	112	26
Arrests	2	0
Juvenile Fire Setters Referrals	3	3
Public Information Education	80	92
Inspections	2,878	3,095
Dollar Loss	\$2,983,000	\$1,347,055
Total Value	\$85,405,487	\$82,933,836

Fire Incidents

	FY 2013	FY 2014
False Alarm and False Calls	372	449
Fire	267	202
Good Intent Calls	275	323
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	178	139
Overpressure, Explosion Overheat (No Fire)	9	2
Rescue & EMS	2,344	2,360
Service Call i.e. Assist Invalid	357	392
Special Incident Type	6	6
TOTAL	3,808	3,874

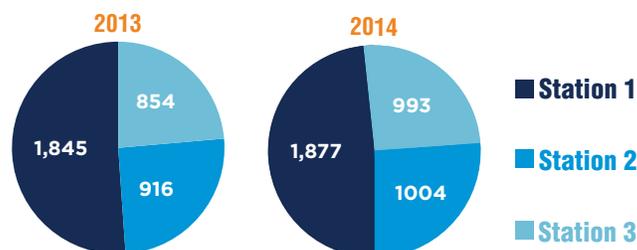
EMS Call Time Averages by Minute

	FY 2013	FY 2014
Average time to dispatch	1	1
Average time to scene	4	3
Average on scene time	18	17
Average transit time	10	9
Average time at hospital	22	23
Average total run time	55	43

EMS Calls Disposition

	FY 2013	FY 2014
Call Canceled Before Arrival	65	74
Found Dead on Scene	45	61
DNR's (do not resuscitate)	3	2
False Alarm/Unfounded or No Patient	439	558
No Treatment or Transport / Patient Refusal	575	487
Treated and Transported to Hospital	3,015	2,906
Treated on Scene without Transport	167	208
Total EMS Runs	4,309	4,296

Responses by Fire Station



EMS Calls by Nature



	FY 2013	FY 2014
Abdominal Pain	93	89
Allergic Reaction	16	12
Animal Bites	1	3
Assault	21	12
Assist Police Department	22	23
Attempted Suicide	9	6
Auto versus Pedestrian	10	12
Burns	7	2
Cardiac/Respiratory Arrest	38	47
Chest Pain	273	261
Choking	13	14
Convulsion/Seizures	153	194
CVA/Stroke	89	69
Dead on Scene	45	61
Diabetic Emergency	101	114
Difficulty Breathing	356	320
Drowning	3	1
Fire/Hazmat	106	97
Gunshot Wound	2	2
Head Injury	80	79
Hemorrhage/Laceration	-	-
Injured Person	645	615
Lift Assist	53	78
Medical Alarm	99	143
Medical Emergency	979	998
Motor Vehicle Accident	400	404
OB/GYN	21	26
Other	113	105
Overdose/Poisoning	87	78
Psychiatric Call	51	40
Public Service	52	97
Rescue	6	8
Sex Assault / Rape	2	2
Stabbing	6	4
Unconscious	359	380
TOTAL	4,311	4,296

Building Inspections

	FY 2013	FY 2014
Permits Issued		
Residential New	# of Permits	# of Permits
Multi Family	6	26
Residential Remodel	2	3
Storage Buildings, Fences, Swimming Pools, Roofs, etc.	67	59
Commercial New	502	475
Commercial Remodel	6	7
Commercial Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing Trades	42	60
Residential Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing Trades	130	127
Signs	1,264	1,347
Garage Sales	317	338
Certificate of Occupancy	1,478	1,449
Total Permits Issued	142	175
	3,956	4,066

Police Department Annual Report

	FY 2013	FY 2014
SERVICE CALLS		
Priority 1 Response Times	5:33	5:28
ACCIDENTS		
Minor Accidents	1,367	1,023
Major Accidents	354	358
OFFENSE REPORTS		
Violent Crimes	208	240
Property Crimes	1,433	1,336
ARRESTS		
Adult Arrests	2,715	2,534
Juvenile Detentions	217	99
Immigration (ICE) Detainees	4,148	4,607
Immigration & Customs Enforcement Revenue	\$283,577	\$331,871
FAIL TO MAINTAIN FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY		
Citations	855	1,324
Tows	284	234
ANIMAL CONTROL ACTIVITY		
Domestic Animals Impounded	1,322	1,308
Animals Adopted	361	253
City Licenses Issued	2,021	1,825
CITATION		
Patrol	4,097	4,734
Traffic	7,751	14,609



Top 20 Violation Codes

	FY 2013	FY 2014
Speeding	3,880	6,433
Violate Promise To Appear	2,235	2,705
No Valid Or Expired Inspection Certificate	1,482	2,154
No Valid Or Expired License Plate Registration	933	1393
Fail To Maintain Financial Responsibility	839	1344
Speeding- School Zone	787	1241
Driving While License Invalid	658	1139
Ran Stop Sign	567	983
No Drivers License	514	805
Exited Controlled Access Where Prohibited	377	463
Public Intoxication	305	438
Use Of Cell Phone In School Zone	284	372
Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia	218	346
Failure To Appear For Non-traffic - P.c. 38.11	212	251
Fail To Report Address Change	195	248
Failed To Display Drivers License	166	237
Simple Assault-Family Violence	153	234
Expired Operator License	135	225
Fail To Wear Safety Belt	124	213
Ran Red Light	105	194

Monthly Violations

	FY 2013	FY 2014
Bedford Police Department	15,632	23,966
TOTAL NEW FEES LEVIED:	3,757,909.57	5,789,117.54
FUNDS COLLECTED:		
State Taxes:	\$781,439.96	\$1,219,961.54
Fines:	\$902,269.20	\$1,339,249.89
LEA Fees:	\$47,211.60	\$69,356.00
Multiuse:	\$64,238.76	\$90,944.76
D/L Fees:	\$52,726.81	\$78,812.42
Warrant Fees:	\$68,414.80	\$107,408.90
Capias Fees:	\$50,948.00	\$48,009.70
Pay Plan Fees:	\$14,088.10	\$19,773.73
Collection Fees:	\$84,516.82	\$95,269.03
TOTALS	\$2,064,854.05	\$3,068,784.69
WARRANT INFORMATION:		
Warrants Issued	3,059	7,758
Capias Issued	2,734	2,969
TOTALS	5,793	10,727
Warrants Closed	2,845	7,067
Capias Closed	2,550	3,151
TOTALS	5,395	10,218
OTHER INFORMATION:		
Citations Closed	14,504	24,239
Failures to Appear	2,447	2,873

BUDGET FY 2014

Finance

• Received their 19th Distinguished Budget Presentation from the Government Finance Officers Association.

Where does the money come from?



Where does the money go?



BEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

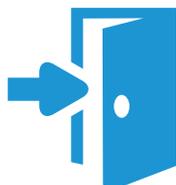
A total of 28,907 people attended programs at the Library during Fiscal Year 2011/2012 for a 48.68% increase. Electronic book



CIRCULATION:
579,355



WEBSITE & MOBILE VISITS:
353,832



LIBRARY VISITS:
244,388



CARD HOLDERS:
46,069



PROGRAM ATTENDANCE:
26,824



QUESTIONS ANSWERED:
81,237

Outcome Measures:

% of Population who are Registered	74.3%
% of Library Customers Reporting they got a Job	11.4%
Passed a Test	14.42%
Learned a New Skill	17.67%
Improved their Computer Skills	5.81%
Learned a New Language	6.74%
Learned to Read	7.21%
Read to their Child	21.63%
Made Better Grades	10.93%
Saved Money on Buying Books & Movies	83%

What Survey Respondents Say:

"I am able to keep my job because of the library. I do not have a working printer at home, and I often visit the library to print documents and make copies for work."

Achievements:

- 97.1% of Citizens rated the Library as "Excellent" or "Good"
- Received over \$35,500 dollars in donations
- Opened Holds Pick-up Window Service
- Patrons can now place Holds on Available Items
- Added Virtual Reference Service
- Added Zinio Digital Magazines
- Expanded Summer Reading Club
- Received Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award

What Survey Respondents Say:

"I can share my love for reading with my children. They both are above grade level readers thanks to all the opportunities at the library."
 "Amazing place to hang with friends."
 "Best tax dollars spent."

CITY SECRETARY

- Processed 408 Public Information Requests with an average response time of 2.31 days. 85 percent of requests were answered within five business days or less.
- Processed 21 property liens totaling \$77,228.05. Processed 22 releases of lien totaling \$5,329.61.
- Coordinated the Charter Review Committee process which resulted in 10 propositions for changes to the City's Charter being presented to the voters in May.
- Updated the process for the appointment of Board and Commission members including moving the terms to coincide with the City's fiscal year and standardizing certain procedures.
- Destroyed 400 boxes of records that had reached their retention threshold in compliance with State law and the City's Records Management Policy.



BEDFORD SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

- Offered 1,634 programs with an attendance of 25,412 people.
- Hosted 15 special programs.
- Held our first ever Volunteer Appreciation Brunch.
- Remodeled restrooms, new flooring throughout building and redecorated lobby.
- Installed new "Information Center" in lobby of building.

VITAL STATISTICS

- Received 16th 5-Star Award for Bedford for excellence in vital registration.
- Timeliness of 10 days to register all death certificates.
- Birth Registration of 98% or more within one business day.
- Remote Birth Access search to print ratio of 50% or greater.
- Managing registration by completing a local registrar self-assessment survey and training in attending regional and/or annual conferences which were the qualifications necessary to achieve the

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

- Recipient of the Texas Municipal Human Resources Association (TMHRA) Innovation Award for the Emerging Leaders Program
- Successfully completed and graduated Class I of the Emerging Leaders Program
- Revised the employee performance evaluation system to incorporate the PRIDE (Passion * Respect * Innovation * Dependability * Ethics) core values and successfully trained all supervisors on the use of the new system
- Successfully bid consultant/broker services contract and employee health, dental and vision insurances
- Created a prescription drug benefit enhancement program and brochure for employees with no cost involved
- Implemented an anonymous ethics and wrongdoing reporting hot line program
- Received the corporate “Fit-Friendly” Gold designation from the American Heart Association for the third year in a row
- Supervisors completed “Facilitating Effective Feedback” training
- Added a PPO plan for medical insurance as a “buy-up” option for employees
- Updated all job descriptions city-wide
- Implemented a weight loss program through the employee clinic
- Developed and printed a handbook for the employee clinic
- Implemented a spouse physical incentive program
- Conducted employee informational seminars for ICMA Managed

- accounts and Income Advantage Fund and coordinating social security benefits with the 401 (a) plan
- Implemented PRIDE Spot Awards Program
- Processed 26 regular payrolls and two special events payrolls
- Met 13 of the 16 Affirmative Action Plan goals as set forth in the plan
- Maintained an employee turnover rate under the 10% national average (9.79%)
- Onboarded 131 new employees of which 102 were seasonal employees
- Offboarded 145 employees of which 102 were seasonal employees

COORDINATED:

- 16 Fit for Duty/Return to Work physicals**
- 64 Pre-employment physicals and 110 drug screens for seasonal employees**
- 55 drug screens for volunteers**
- 86 background checks for pre-employment and 18 for volunteers**
- On-site DOT drug screens for 20 CDL employees**
- Completed 113 salary surveys and other requests for information for other municipalities**

OLD BEDFORD SCHOOL

	<i>FY 2014</i>
Rentals	131
Weddings	21
Regular Rentals	58
Church Rentals	52
Total Attendance	15,756
Rental Attendance	12,200
Visitors to tour	250
Murder Mystery Dinner Visitors	425
Twilight Thursday Visitors	1,200
Heritage Education Visitors	1,681
Total Revenue	\$90,409



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